

THE WEATHER

Forecast:	Partly cloudy, becoming cloudy with possibility of rain later in the day.
Yesterday's	Today's
Humidity	Min.-Max.
Jerusalem 63	3-9
Golan 41	4-11
Nahariya 43	13-17
Safed 44	2-7
Haifa Port 40	12-18
Tiberias 36	12-18
Nazareth 77	7-12
Afula 41	8-16
Shimon 69	3-10
Tel Aviv 68	10-18
Lod Airport 47	7-16
Jericho 56	9-16
Gaza 71	8-15
Beer Sheva 57	6-14
Eilat 23	7-23
Tiran Straits 28	12-30

Social and Personal

Dr. Henri Simonet, European Economic Community Vice-President, called Friday on Foreign Minister Abba Eban in Mr. Eban's Jerusalem office. Friday evening Dr. Simonet was the dinner guest of Bank of Israel Governor Moshe Sanbar and Mrs. Sanbar.

Mr. Yitzhak Harkavi, Israel Ambassador in Brazil, was the guest of the World Federation of Jewish Journalists at a luncheon at Beit Sokolow yesterday.

A concert of French music for the benefit of Jerusalem Wizo took place yesterday at the residence of the French Consul-General in the Capital. Soloists at the concert, whose audience included members of the Jerusalem consular corps, were Mrs. Joette Moatti and Pol Assa, new immigrants from France.

BIRTH

MOSCONA. — To Sherry and Avraham, a daughter, on Sunday, March 4, 1973, at Shaare Zedek Hospital, Jerusalem.

IN MEMORIAM

A shloshim in memory of Shmuel Lapin, administrative secretary of YIVO in New York, will take place Tuesday evening, March 6, at 8 p.m., at the home of Prof. and Mrs. Joshua A. Fishman, 3 Rehov Washington, Jerusalem. Friends of the Lapin family are invited to participate.

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ARRIVALS

The Deputy Minister of Posts and Telephones of the German Federal Republic, Dr. H. Pausch, for a week's visit as guest of the Ministry of Communications (by Swissair). Deputy Finance Minister Zvi Dinstein, from a visit to several European countries, on Ministry business.

Beirut blast ship paid regular calls to Haifa

By YAACOV FRIEDLER

Jerusalem Post Correspondent
HAIFA. — The 3,300-ton S.S. Sounion, disabled in Saturday night's explosion in Beirut, is a regular caller in Haifa and her blue hull and white superstructure are well known in the port. She has arrived in Haifa Port every Sunday morning for the past year, for four-day visits with groups of 250 Baptists from the southern and midwestern states of the U.S. While the pilgrims toured the country, with special emphasis on the Christian holy sites and kibbutzim, the Sounion served as a floating hotel for them. She was last here a week ago, leaving on Wednesday night for Cyprus as usual, and was due again at six o'clock yesterday morning.
The ship, built in 1936, can carry some 260 passengers, is owned by the Karydas Company of Piraeus and flies the Cypriot flag. She has a crew of 80. The Allalouf Company is her local agent.
The visits of the Baptist pilgrims are organized by Wholesale Package Tours of New York. Because Israel does not permit charter flights, the company flies the pilgrims to Cyprus by chartered planes and they embark on the Sounion, sailing first to Iskenderun (Turkey), then to Beirut for a day-long visit to each port. On Saturday nights the ship used to leave Beirut and sail for Haifa, arriving early on Sunday mornings.
Israel security authorities have been alert for some time to the possibility that the Arab terror organizations might attempt to sabotage ships sailing to Israel. During the past year several false alarms of bombs on board ships were investigated. In January a plot by Black September terrorists to seize a Haifa-bound Italian liner, the M.S. Messapia, was foiled. Four suspected terrorists, carrying Afghan passports, boarded the ship in Bari with first class tickets to Haifa. They were apparently due to receive arms and instructions in Cyprus, on their way to Haifa.
The Cypriot authorities refused to allow them ashore in Famagusta, where the ship docked for a day on January 9. The four men then announced that they wished to break their journey and were escorted to Nicosia Airport where they took a plane to Beirut.
It is known that the terrorists have trained some of their men as frogmen to act against shipping by attaching limpet mines to target ships. Last week, at the trial of the six suspected leaders of the Arab-Jewish espionage and sabotage ring, one of the accused, Subhi Na'arani, in a statement to the police read in court, admitted that while he was in Damascus last year, after being trained in the use of arms and explosives, he was also given training as a frogman. He was told that "when the time comes" he would be ordered to attach limpet mines to ships in Israeli ports, he said.
Stringent security precautions are in force in the ports.

'Spy ring's aim was revolution'

Jerusalem Post Staff

HAIFA. — Daoud Turki, the accused leader of an alleged Jewish-Arab spy ring working for Syria, admitted yesterday he had initiated an underground Marxist organization aimed at overthrowing Israel's and "some" Arab governments. But the 45-year-old Haifa bookseller denied having known that his chief Syrian contact, Habib Kahawaji, was an enemy intelligence agent.

Turki was pleading before the Haifa District Court as the trial of the six alleged leaders of the Arab-Jewish spy network continued. Apart from the six — whose trial started February 25 — 27 other suspects are due to be arraigned this week and next. The six current defendants, who include two Jews — former paratrooper Ehud Adiv and mathematics teacher Dan Vered — have already admitted most of the charges.

At the start of yesterday's hearing, Turki's defence counsel, Ali Rafa, told the court his client admitted to membership in an underground Marxist organization that aimed at overthrowing the political regimes in Israel and in some Arab countries. He admitted meeting Habib Kahawaji in Cyprus in 1969, and later in Syria, and receiving money from him "to further the socialist and revolutionary efforts of his group." He denied the money was given to finance espionage and sabotage activities. He also denied having transmitted to Kahawaji secret messages in invisible ink which contained information of value to the Syrian Intelligence.

EGYPTIAN AGENT

But the chief prosecution witness, Police Inspector Victor Abouhwar, later read out in court statements taken down from Turki in January. According to the statements, Kahawaji had introduced Turki to an Egyptian agent who trained him in decoding secret messages broadcast on Damascus Radio. On a later trip to Damascus, Turki said, he learned to decode messages with the aid of the Koran.

Turki's statement to the police also implicated some of the other defendants. Dan Vered had been asked, the statement said, to commit acts of sabotage accord-

ing to specific codes broadcast by Syrian radio; but the young schoolteacher had refused.

The bookseller also said the weapons and sabotage materials for the ring were to have been stored in a suburban Tel Aviv apartment rented by Ehud Adiv, even though Kahawaji had originally asked him to establish contacts in the Golan Heights for this purpose.

For some reason, the weapons and explosives never reached the underground ring, Turki said.

A revelation that caused an audible gasp in the crowded courtroom came when Inspector Abouhwar said under cross-examination by defence counsel that one of the security agents involved in gathering evidence against the spy ring was Baruch Cohen, who was recently shot dead in Madrid by an Arab terrorist agent.

The trial continues today.

Kollek seen planning Benvenisti comeback

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH

Jerusalem Post Reporter

In a move that may hint at a decision to run again for Mayor of Jerusalem, Mayor Teddy Kollek has asked the majority Alignment faction on the Municipal Council to hand the key planning portfolio back to Councilman Meron Benvenisti.

Mr. Benvenisti had been Mr. Kollek's strong right arm in the city administration until he gave up his responsibility for city planning and East Jerusalem affairs a year ago in a tiff over the party's failure to gain him an appointment as deputy mayor. He went into self-imposed exile from municipal affairs, absenting himself from most Council meetings. The exile ended abruptly a month ago, when he took a leading role in a Council debate, attacking a proposed development on Government House Hill.

At a faction meeting last Friday, Mr. Kollek proposed that Mr. Benvenisti resume responsibility for

planning, without the title of deputy mayor, until the elections in November. Mr. Kollek said that if he decided to run again for mayor, and the party chose him as its candidate, then Mr. Benvenisti would be asked to keep the planning portfolio.

Mr. Benvenisti could not be contacted last night, but observers said it was hardly likely that Mr. Kollek would make the proposal without his consent.

Relations between the two men had been severely strained during the past year. Last July, Mr. Kollek publicly termed as "sour grapes" an objection Mr. Benvenisti had made to the appointment of British planner Nathaniel Lichfield as chief planner for Jerusalem. Mr. Benvenisti had termed the appointment of Prof. Lichfield on a part-time basis "a public relations gimmick." If Mr. Benvenisti assumes the planning post now, he would be working closely with Prof. Lichfield, providing political guidelines to the professional planners.

During the 1969 elections, Mr. Benvenisti was responsible for organizing the surprisingly high turnout at the polls of East Jerusalem Arabs, almost all of whom are believed to have voted for the Mayor's party. It may be presumed that he will undertake similar activity this November if he returns to the party fold. Mr. Kollek did not propose returning to him responsibility for East Jerusalem affairs, which has been vested, since Mr. Benvenisti's resignation from the job, in veteran Arabist Yehoshua Palmon. When Mr. Palmon took over the job a year ago he said it would be only until the elections.

The Alignment faction is to meet again on Mr. Kollek's proposal Wednesday, after sounding out opinion within the party. An informed party source said no opposition was expected.

No big spending on snow clearing for Jerusalem

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Jerusalem municipal leaders decided yesterday to avoid any heavy investment in snow-clearing equipment.

Mayor Teddy Kollek and leaders of the factions on the Municipal Council chose the least expensive of three proposals put forward by City Manager Ronnie Feinstein for coping with future snow emergencies. The most expensive alternative would have involved the purchase of eight snowgraders and two tow trucks, in addition to other equipment for a total of IL3.3m. This would permit the opening of six major routes in the city within four to six hours, Mr. Feinstein said.

The second alternative, estimated at IL1.7m., called for the purchase of two graders and one tow truck and envisioned four routes being opened in the first stage of operation. The alternative chosen will involve the expenditure of IL1m. for light vehicles with front-wheel drive (which could be used by municipal departments all year round), wireless equipment and snow tires and chains. Mr. Feinstein said this alternative will permit three routes to be opened within four to six hours — Jaffa Road and the routes of the number 18 and number 6 buses. Also to be included in the first stage of snow clearance would be the road from Kikar Zahal to the Jericho Road and perhaps Saladin Street in West Jerusalem.

Youth accused of murdering 'unfaithful' aunt

HAIFA. — Ma'al Assadi, from the village of Deir el-Assad in Western Galilee, was charged in the District Court here yesterday with the premeditated murder of his 19-year-old aunt. The accused, who is only 20 himself, last week told the Acre magistrate who remanded him that he killed his aunt because she was "unfaithful" to her husband — Assadi's uncle.

According to the charges, Assadi suspected his aunt was meeting clandestinely with another man in the village. On February 2, his uncle went to Tel Aviv for a few days, leaving Assadi and his aunt alone in the house with her infant son.

When the uncle returned to the house, her nephew barred the way and the two quarrelled, the charge sheet says. That night he allegedly crept into her bedroom and slashed her throat with a knife as she lay asleep.

No date has been set for the hearings. (Itim)

British civil air delegation here

LOD AIRPORT. — The first stage in the negotiation of a new air agreement between Israel and Britain began last night, with the arrival here of a delegation headed by British civil aviation chief O.H. Kemmis.

Israel notified Britain last November of her wish to replace the existing 22-year-old air agreement with a new one. It would provide El Al, among other things, with landing rights in Hong Kong, to enable it to develop a Far East line. (Itim)

TODAY'S POSTBAG

ISRAEL'S FIRST GALLERY devoted exclusively to works by Arab artists opened in Jaffa's Rehov Dolphin last weekend, under the patronage of Ruth Dayan. The opening show comprises oils and gouaches by Zuhir Hatem, 29, of Jerusalem; Mahmoud Azam, 23, of Taiba; and Bashir Abu Rabiya, 22, of the Abu Rabiya Negev Beduin tribe.

66 IMMIGRANT ENGINEERS have been hired by various Government departments in the last few months, the Civil Service Commission announced yesterday. The hirings were the result of a special Commission absorption project for engineers.



Police direct striking tow truck drivers into position near Binyanei Ha'Ooma yesterday, as vehicles poured into Jerusalem from all over Israel to hold a protest parade before the Knesset at 4 p.m. today. The 300 tow truck drivers, affiliated to the Israel Garage Association's Shagar towing service, are protesting the contract awarded by the police to the Magor towing company, not an Association member. I.G.A. secretary Zvi Pick said yesterday that all affiliated garages in the country are going on strike today in support of the tow operators. Meanwhile, the six Shagar members who were arrested Friday on suspicion of beating up a Magor driver and damaging his truck were brought before a Jerusalem magistrate yesterday and released on IL500 bail each. Their trial was set for May 8. (Mike Goldberg)

N.R.P. to meet March 16 to revise resolutions

By MARK SEGAL

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The new 501-member Central Committee of the National Religious Party will meet Thursday week (March 16) to discuss the proposal to revise two far-reaching decisions adopted by the fourth national party convention. The assembly, which dispersed in a state of disarray on Friday, had called for army call-up of yeshiva students and had committed the N.R.P. not to serve in the next government coalition unless the "Who's a Jew" law is amended.

Just before the delegates dispersed to their homes on Friday morning they hurriedly adopted a "package deal" moved by Social Welfare Minister Michael Hazani — No. 2 man in the "Lamifneh" faction (controlling 27 per cent of the party) — whereby the Central Committee would be delegated powers of the convention and authorized to water down these two resolutions.

But yesterday it appeared that Mr. Hazani's "package deal" was falling apart. A new coalition of anti-"Lamifneh" forces was said to be emerging. It would control 70 per cent of the party's executive forums, leaving the "Lamifneh" faction of Interior Minister Yosef Burg and Mr. Hazani in the company of the small if influential Kibbutz Dati.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

M.V. MESSAPIA will arrive at Haifa
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and will sail the same evening.
Embarkation of passengers at 5.00 p.m.

Our heartfelt sympathies to
DANNY ROSING
on the death of his

FATHER

Your Colleagues at
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On this, the 30th day after the death of your dear

FATHER

our sincere condolences to you and your family.

Department of Mechanical Engineering
University of the Negev.

Ministry for Foreign Affairs

The Press Division

and all his friends in the
Ministry for Foreign Affairs

share the grief of

ERIC MARSDEN

on the death of his beloved wife

JACQUELINE

and extend their sincere condolences to him and his children

In honour of the memory of our dear

REBEKKA (Rivka) FEUCHTWANGER

née Ghaskinos
(Rhea Ghis)

The unveiling of the tombstone will take place on Thursday, March 8, 1973 at the Kiryat Shaul Cemetery. We shall meet at the cemetery gate at 4 p.m. Transport will be provided at 3.30 p.m. from Taxi Gordon, Rehov Ben Yehuda, corner Rehov Gordon, Tel Aviv.

WALTER and CHRIS-ALISA FEUCHTWANGER

In deep sorrow, I announce the death of
my beloved husband

Dr. WILHELM KALISKI

The funeral will leave today, Monday, March 5 at 11.45 a.m.
from Elisha Hospital, Mt. Carmel.

Ruth Kaliski, née Fleichenfeld

Our beloved

D. LILO BECKER-NAHM

is relieved of her suffering. She bequeathed her body
to science.

Hide and Alfred Horowitz
Ellen Loewy
Moni and Dan Kohen
Dr. Margot Becker-Feiser
The families here and abroad
Please refrain from condolence visits.

The colleagues of

Dr. E.H. ROSENBERG

wish to extend their sympathy to him
and his family on the death of his father

LOUIS ROSENBERG

The staff of the Mental Health Clinic
of Kupat Holim, Ramat Han.

In deep sorrow, we announce the death of my beloved
husband, our father, grandfather, and father-in-law

LÉON BLOOM

The funeral will leave from Assuta Hospital today, Monday,
March 5 at 1.30 p.m., for the Holon Cemetery.

Shiva will be at the Seligman home, 30 Rehov Hagai, Ramat Gan

Belle Bloom
Gideon and Behira Bloom
Ruth and Haskel Seligman
Ora and John Hatzon

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Jewish Theological Seminary of America
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American Jewish Committee
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Israel Interfaith Committee
Rabbi Andre C. Zaoui, Har-El Synagogue

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Warhaftig meets Christian clergy on missionaries

Jerusalem Post Reporter
The group of clergymen, led by Anglican Archbishop George Bell and the Chairman of the Anglican Convention, Rev. Robert Jones, came to see the Minister of Religious Affairs, Zerah Warhaftig, yesterday to discuss the activities of missionaries in Israel.

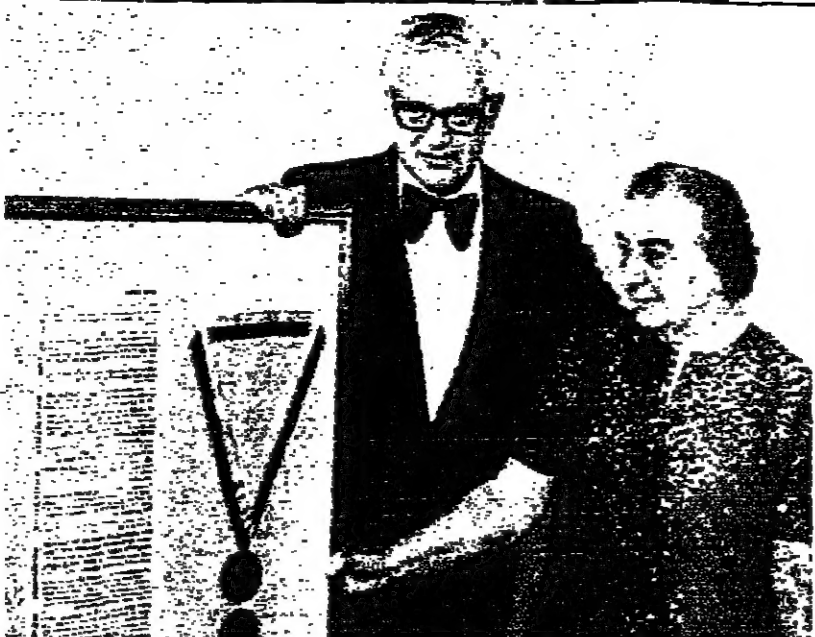
Warhaftig met recently concerning the activity of missionary groups in Israel. They queried Dr. Warhaftig's view that new legislation — or tighter enforcement of existing legislation — was needed to curb the activities of the "Jews for Jesus" and other missionary groups.

Police probe 3 West Bank murders

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Three cases of murder apparently none of them politically motivated — occurred in the West Bank over the weekend, police said yesterday.

One of the churchmen, Rev. Fud Saknini, chairman of the Association of Baptist Churches in Israel, complained about the Jewish Defence League's efforts to urge Arabs to emigrate from Israel. He said these were causing "considerable anxiety and concern among Christian and other minority groups in Israel" and urged that "the Government allay these fears."

According to an official statement issued after the meeting, Dr. Warhaftig replied that there was no change in the Government's policy towards the recognized churches in Israel. The Government objects to all acts of violence and will punish offenders. But the Minister "took the opportunity" the statement continued, of pointing out the bitterness caused by aggressive missionary activities.



Premier Golda Meir presents the Israel Silver Anniversary Award to Sam Rothberg, for his quarter-century of leadership in Bond drive work, in Miami Beach on Saturday night.

Meir: Nixon never assumes position of superiority

Special to The Jerusalem Post
MIAMI BEACH. — Premier Golda Meir said here yesterday that U.S. President Richard Nixon "never assumes a position of superiority in talks with prime ministers of small countries."

Speaking at an Israel Bonds tribute to general chairman Sam Roth-

berg that launched an unprecedented \$360m. drive, Mrs. Meir described her conference with President Nixon in Washington last week as "wonderful and inspiring."

She added that no president would be so responsive if he doubted "our honesty in the struggle for peace."

Referring to the courageous stand of Russian Jews, she asked, "Where would they have found a home, and how many borders would they have had to cross to find freedom if there had been no Israel?"

Acknowledging the Prime Minister's tribute for his 25 years' service for Israel, Mr. Rothberg traced his first association with Israel to his visit to the displaced persons' camps after World War II, seeing the misery of homeless Jews who were kept out of Palestine by the Mandatory Government.

Decision soon on site of Sde Dov airport

By SARAH HONG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The next few weeks should see a decision on the future of the Sde Dov airport near the residential U. Plan here. This was announced during a press tour of the region beaches yesterday by Moshe Amir, who heads the joint City-Government company, Atarim, for the development of Tel Aviv's coast.

The city has been pressing for the removal of the airport from its present location, and has published a tender for construction of a landing strip in the sea, 400 metres from the coast and parallel to it.

Mr. Amir also reported plans to develop the "Marina City" housing, hotel, amusement and commercial complex which will incorporate the old North Tel Aviv Port area. The "City" will include some 200 apartment units, two hotels, shopping centres, and a dock for 200 small pleasure craft.

By Independence Day, he promised, Kikar Atarim, now under construction on the beach across from Sderot Keren Kayemet, will be open to the public. It will have parking facilities, shopping areas and cafes overlooking the sea.

Deputy Tourism Minister Yehuda Sha'ari reported that his Ministry had reached an agreement with Bat Yam and Rishon LeZion for the development of their beaches to ease some of the over-crowding of Tel Aviv's beaches.

The Bat Yam beach strip will be extended and connected directly with the Tel Aviv (Rehov Hayarok) beach. There are plans for more hotels and for beach-front amusement areas in this town, as well as for more parks.

The southern coast of Rishon may be developed as well and may also have some 2,000 hotel rooms. The problem there is airplane noise, which will have to be checked out before hotel construction is approved.

Israel-Ghana cultural accord

Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent

Israel and Ghana signed a cultural agreement in Accra last week which provides for exchange programmes of university studies and lectures and for folk troupes and exhibitions from each country to tour the other.

Officials in Jerusalem said the agreement was intended by both sides as an expression of the increasingly warm relations between the two countries.

Signing for Ghana was Foreign Minister Major R.M. Baah, and for Israel, Ambassador Abraham Cohen.

Major Baah praised the existing cooperation between the two countries and the support Israel extends to Ghana.

FOR LIBYAN PLANE VICTIMS Cabinet c'ttee to meet on ex-gratia payments.

Jerusalem Post Reporter
The Cabinet committee appointed to decide details of the payment of ex-gratia sums to the Libyan plane victims' families will meet on Tuesday, Cabinet Secretary Michael Arnon announced yesterday. Justice Minister Ya'acov Shimshon Shapiro is the committee's chairman, and the other members recommended by him and appointed yesterday, are the Ministers of Finance, Health, Religious Affairs, Foreign Affairs, and Transport, and Minister-without-Portfolio Israel Galili. The committee's decision will be taken on behalf of the Government.

A Cabinet source said yesterday that the intention was for the committee to complete its deliberations and issue its conclusions as soon as possible — perhaps even after its first meeting. Attorney-General Meir Shamgar has prepared a working paper setting out precedents and international procedures upon which the committee will base its criteria of payment for the ex-gratia sums which the Government has decided to award the victims' families as a "humanitarian gesture."

The Director-General of the Foreign Ministry, Mordechai Gazit, reported to the Cabinet on the resolutions adopted last week by the International Federation of Airline Pilots Associations (IFALPA), and the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO). ICAO's executive is due to meet in Montreal today, and Israel has sent one of its U.N. ambassadors, Ya'acov Doron, as an observer. The ICAO General Assembly at its session last week called for a complete investigation into the incident and condemned Israel's downing of the Libyan plane.

The three French aviation experts who came to Israel last Wednesday to investigate the crash of the Libyan airliner left for Paris yesterday

to report their conclusions to the French Government.

The three experts, an Air France chief pilot and two French Civil Aviation Authority officials, met with the survivors, with one of the Israeli pilots who intercepted the Libyan plane, with civil aviation officials, and with the O.C. Air Force, Aluf Mordechai Hod.

They also investigated the crash site and received copies of documentary evidence, including a transcript of the crew's last words recorded on the plane's "black box."

Injured steward may fly home this morning

Jerusalem Post Staff
BEERSHEBA. — The French steward gravely injured in the Libyan plane disaster, Jean-Pierre Burdard, is expected to be flown home this morning. His family sent a Paris surgeon to Soroka Medical Centre here yesterday to see whether he could be moved.

The hospital also announced that the one unidentified man among the seven survivors had regained consciousness and told doctors he was Shahshi Abu Bakr Muhammad, 33, a Libyan. He is still in critical condition.

According to the hospital, a Dr. Legere of Paris' Cochin Hospital arrived in Beersheba yesterday morning at the request of Air France and the Burdard family. After consultation with Soroka doctors, it was decided that Burdard — who has been making slight but steady progress though still in critical condition — was well enough to be moved.

If there are no complications, the steward and his wife will be flown by helicopter to Lod Airport this morning for the flight to France.

Soroka reported no change in the condition of the other four survivors. It has been reported that two of them already recovered and are ready to leave — Egyptian hotel worker Faisal Muhammad el-Shariya and Libyan mechanic Fathi Abdullah el-Kom — were visited yesterday by representatives of the Red Cross, who are making arrangements to send them home.

The plane's critically injured Libyan co-pilot, Fumel el-Mehdi, was continuing to show improvement at Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem.

The Middle East News Agency reported from Cairo that the body of a six-month-old child was handed over by Israel to Egypt yesterday under the auspices of the Red Cross. The child is said to be among the 105 fatalities of the Libyan plane disaster.



Cloudy today, more rain tomorrow

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The weather is expected to clear up today, but it will still be partly cloudy, and there is a possibility of rain again tomorrow — the weatherman said last night.

The weekend rain had its effect on the wholesale vegetable markets, as smaller quantities of produce were brought to market yesterday. But another reason for this is that December's frost is just beginning to be felt. There will be a shortage of many vegetables until the middle of May. During this period only about 2,500 tons of tomatoes will reach the market each month, instead of the usual 6,000 tons per month. Yesterday the wholesalers paid a record price of IL3.40 per kilo of grade "A" tomatoes. (A week ago the price for the same grade was about IL2.60.)

Mekorot spokesman Mordechai Yacobovitch told The Jerusalem Post last night that the recent rain had not improved the extremely low level of the Lake Kinneret. "We need a lot more rain and snow to raise the level," he added.

Mekorot is preparing itself for a long dry summer, especially in the South. Members of the Mekorot management, together with director-general Ze'ev Kariv, toured the southern region, to study the situation. It was decided that if the level of the Kinneret does not rise, the southern region will not receive its water from the Lake. This will be the first time since the National Water Carrier was inaugurated that the southern region will use water from auxiliary wells that have not been in use.

Yosef Bodenheimer retires as Chief Supreme Court Clerk

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Yosef Bodenheimer, Chief Clerk of the Supreme Court, has retired at the age of 65. His successor is Alon Gillon, 31, until now in charge of the Department of Civil Appeals in the Supreme Court.

Mr. Gillon is the son of the late Col'n Gillon, who was State Attorney between 1953 and 1961, and a grandson of the late Justice Gad Frankin.

Tadiran developing military electronics plants abroad

By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HOLON. — Tadiran has expanded its military industrial activities into five foreign countries, Mr. Elkan Caspi, director-general of the firm, said yesterday during a press tour of its newly opened IL20m., 15,000 square metre "electronics and communications" plant in the industrial zone here.

All five foreign plants — two of which are already in operation and the other three in the planning and construction stages — are designed to produce sophisticated military electronic equipment, he said. He refused to name the countries, but did say that one was "Western European country." The first plant was planned 2½ years ago, and started production a year ago.

Mr. Caspi noted that all the countries "wanted to develop their

own military electronics plants, and Tadiran moved into the field to help set up the plants and maintain technical supervision of them. Thus, Tadiran is supplying the advanced equipment needed to set up the actual production lines. In each case, Tadiran is a partner, in two cases with the governments concerned, and in the other three cases with private concerns. In all cases, the "image" of the new plant is strictly local, with Tadiran keeping well in the background. Foreign workers from all five plants are being trained at the Holon plant."

The five plants have already ordered equipment valued at \$20m. within the last six months, (\$2m. in the last fortnight), and orders for another \$20m. are expected soon, Mr. Caspi said. It will take several years to ship this equipment, but an estimated \$17m. will leave for abroad in 1973.

Avital Mosinzon, 34, named director of Jerusalem Theatre

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Avital Mosinzon, 34, has been appointed director of the Jerusalem Theatre, the Municipality spokesman announced yesterday. Mr. Mosinzon, who holds an M.A. in communications and a B.A. in economics, has recently been working as an Israel Television producer and director.

Another appointment is that of Moshe Halimovsky, as administrative director of the theatre.

395 BACHELOR OF SCIENCE degrees were awarded yesterday to graduates of the Hebrew University in a ceremony at Jerusalem's Bin-yenai Ha'ooma. The number represents an increase of 67 over last year.

Back from Egypt, arrested for 1958 jailbreak

GAZA. — Police have arrested an alleged Arab jailbreaker who returned only a few days ago to the Gaza Strip after spending 15 years in Egypt, a police spokesman said yesterday.

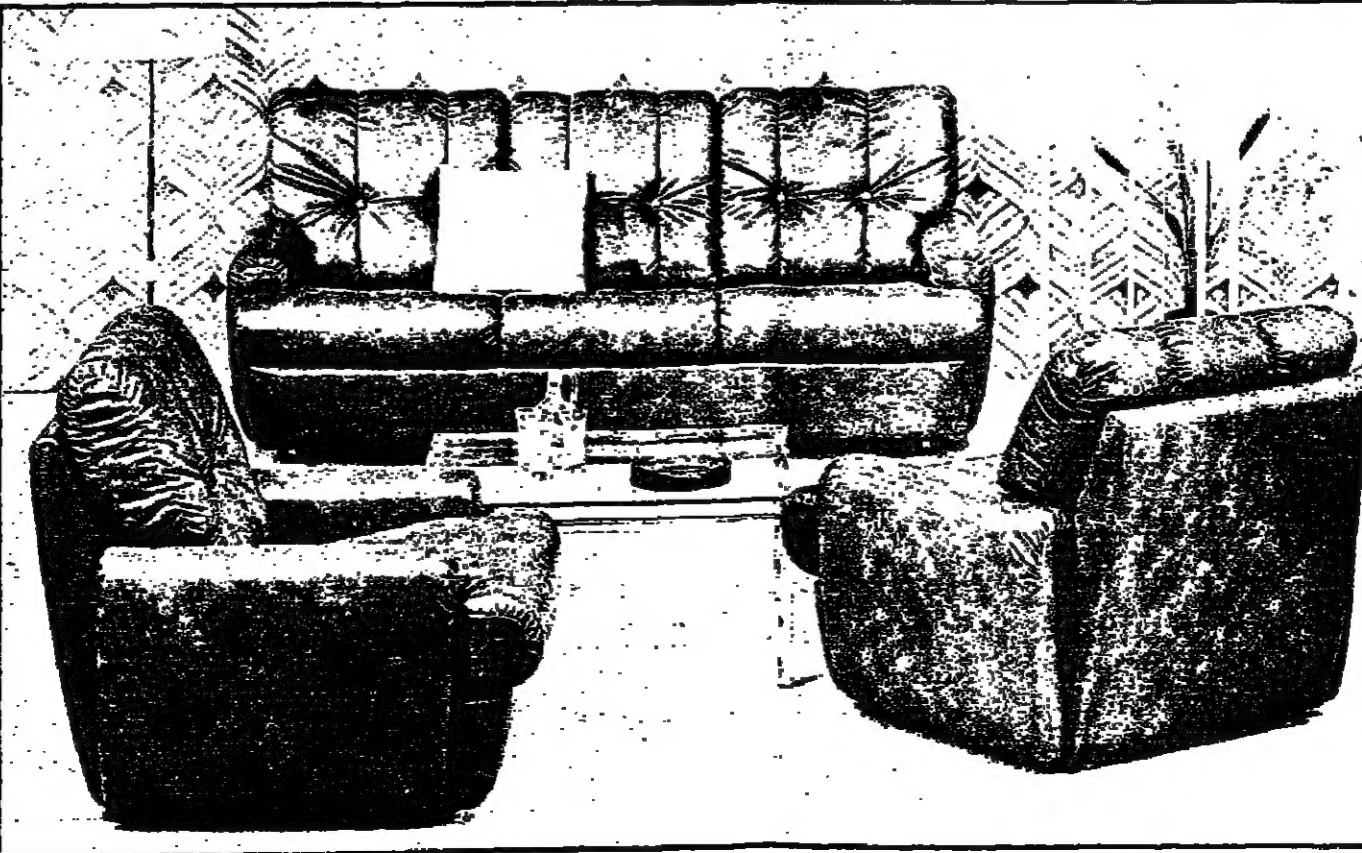
He said Mohammed Abdel Kadr Riad, 62, was sentenced by an Israeli court in 1957 to 20 years' imprisonment for spying for Egypt. In 1958 Abdel Kadr allegedly escaped from Shata Prison, in the Jezreel Valley, and fled to the Gaza Strip, which was then under Egyptian rule. During the Six Day War he fled to Egypt with the retreating Egyptian troops.

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Cairo press blames U.S. for Khartoum murders

CAIRO. — Egyptian newspapers yesterday held the U.S. responsible for the Black September terrorist action in Khartoum and for similar future actions because of its support of Israel.

Ibrahim Nawar, editor of "Al-Gomhouriya," said the U.S. was "the first and the last responsible... America killed its own Ambassador in Khartoum, and if the five commandos were killed, America will be also the first responsible for their killings."

Moussa Sabry, editor of the "Al-Akhar," said that while the U.S. has denounced the Khartoum killings it confined itself to mere condolences when the Libyan plane was shot down. He added that Israel Prime Minister Mrs. Golda Meir was "exaggeratedly welcomed" by the U.S. President in a way provoking Arab feelings. "The American welcome was tantamount to absolving Israel of the blood of the plane victims," Mr. Sabry said. The "Kuwait Times" said yesterday the Black September operation in Khartoum is as much a shocking setback for the Arab world as it is a ghastly crime in the eyes of the outside world.

Heading its commentary "first-degree murders," the paper referred to the downing of the Libyan airliner over Sinai last month, and said the world had only just begun to see Israel in its true colours when the Khartoum killings had unjustly put the Arabs in the same bracket.

"The New York Times" commented yesterday, "The brutal, cold-blooded murders at Khartoum constitute an act of barbarism that has appalled the civilized world... and it is only the latest in a string of similar acts of criminal insanity that civilized nations can no longer tolerate."

"It goes without saying that the nations affected by the despicable acts of the Black Septemberists can under no circumstances yield to blackmail, as some unfortunately have in the past but as President Nixon correctly said the U.S. will not do. But the civilized nations of the world now are faced with the necessity of going further in their refusal to yield to blackmail."

PRESSURE URGED

"The heaviest kind of pressure needs to be put on those countries playing host to Black Septemberists to cease their support, to punish them for their crimes instead of praising them and to prove once and for all that the weapons of blackmail and intolerance to the international community."

The "New York News" wrote: "The savage, cold-blooded murders in the Sudan by Palestinian terrorists shocked and sickened even those nations which ordinarily embrace or glorify the hoodlums of the Black September mob... We hope it even penetrated the skulls of the spineless people in the U.N.O. who have refused to act against terrorists or those who aid and protect them. Assuring swift, certain punishment for deeds of international outlawry is the first step the U.N. should take."

In Manila, Philippines President Ferdinand E. Marcos yesterday branded as "barbarians" the Black September terrorists, extending the Filipino people's condolences to the U.S. and Belgian Governments. Mr. Marcos said, "these murders are a genuine shock to civilized men everywhere and cause a deep outrage they will not easily forget."

(Reuters, AP)

LIGHT. — A congress in Medellin, Colombia, discussing electric light was temporarily interrupted here — by a power cut.

ARAB TERRORISTS ASK JAPAN LEFTIST VISIT

TOKYO (UPI). — Arab terrorists have issued an "invitation" to the ultra-leftist Japanese United Red Army youths to visit them, the "Mainichi" newspaper said yesterday.

"The time of the invitation and its purpose are not clear at the moment," the "Mainichi" said, "but the authorities believed that the invitation was issued by the guerrilla group in connection with the Palestine guerrillas' retaliation against Israel."

The invitation, the "Mainichi" quoted police authorities as saying, was sent last month to a group of the United Red Army

in Kansai, western Japan. The sender was the PFLP (Palestine People's Liberation Front) which has had close contacts with the United Red Army, an organization bent on destroying the present political and economic structure in Japan through violence.

The relationship between the Arab terrorists and the United Red Army became known last year when three Japanese youths staged the massacre at Israel's Lod Airport. "Mainichi" said police authorities are tightening watch at international airports in Tokyo and Osaka to prevent any United Red Army youths from leaving the country.

Terrorists surrender in Khartoum

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The Bader Meinhof leaders in West Germany and some 25 women terrorists in Israeli prisons. The Saudi Arabian Ambassador and the Jordanian Charge d'Affaires yesterday reported that the two American diplomats and the Belgian Charge d'Affaires were given 25 minutes to write their last messages before they were shot dead by the terrorists. The survivors said that the victims did spend their last minutes writing notes which the terrorists kept.

Despite Fatah's repeated claims that it was not associated with the Black September group, Sudan's

"As-Sahafa" newspaper said yesterday that the Khartoum terrorist operation was in fact planned and sponsored by Fatah. Revealing that six of the Black September terrorists arrived in Khartoum on Thursday afternoon on a Libyan airliner, the newspaper said that the squad was met at the airport by the Fatah representative in Khartoum, Fawwaz Yassin "Abu Marwan," who subsequently left the Sudanese capital on the same Libyan plane shortly before the attack on the Saudi Arabian embassy. The newspaper said that Fatah briefed the six men who shortly afterwards shot their way into the Saudi Arabian diplomatic reception together with two more terrorists believed to have been in Khartoum for some time preparing for the operation.

The Sudanese security forces were yesterday reported to be investigating the entire terrorist network which runs two separate bureaus in Khartoum. The Sudanese authorities were said to be specially probing the source of weapons used in the attack.

In a condolence letter sent to U.S. President Richard Nixon, the Sudanese President Ja'afar Numeiri said the Black September "outrage" had "grieved me personally as well as my government and countrymen." The Sudanese leader said that there was "little to say" at this stage "except that we are distressed here as you are there. We are now attempting to handle the shocking situation which is not of our making." Khartoum seemed to be heading towards a confrontation with the Palestinian terrorist movement and possibly with Egypt and Libya, which, while supporting the terrorists, maintained silence over the weekend episode in Khartoum.

Beirut's "Al-Hayat" newspaper

Slain Belgian diplomat was of Arab descent

BRUSSELS (Reuters). — The Black September terrorists who seized the Saudi Arabian Embassy in Khartoum apparently thought the Belgian Charge d'Affaires they murdered was a Jew, whereas he was of Arab descent.

Georges Eid, brother of 38-year-old bachelor diplomat Guy Eid, said that when the terrorists were taking away the five hostages they shouted at his brother, "You filthy Jew — you'll be killed the first."

Mr. Eid and two other hostages were later shot. Mr. Georges Eid said in an interview in the Belgian newspaper "La Lanterne" on Saturday that he did not understand why the terrorists thought his brother was a Jew. But it could have been because he spoke with an Arab accent. The Eid family is of Syrian-Lebanese origin. Mr. Eid's grandfather was Syrian, his grandmother Lebanese, and several generations ago the family was converted to Catholicism.

Saudi guards for embassies

BEIRUT (Reuters). — The Saudi Arabian Government has decided to send National Guard units to protect its embassies in Arab capitals, a newspaper reported here yesterday.

The "Al-Hayat" newspaper, which is usually well-informed on Saudi affairs, said this was one of two measures which the Saudi Government had taken as an immediate reaction to the Palestinian terrorist attack on its embassy in Khartoum. The paper said the Saudi authorities had also decided to investigate all Palestinians working and living in Saudi Arabia, including naturalized Saudis, and these are believed to number several thousands. The report said the measures were adopted after allegations that a Palestinian radio station in Baghdad had said that "the route to Tel Aviv is through Riyadh and Amman."

Installation of new cardinals in Rome today

VATICAN CITY (Reuters). — Catholics from all over the world converged on Rome over the weekend for a consistory here today at which Pope Paul will create 30 new cardinals, raising the membership of the sacred college to an all-time record of 144.

The Pope's decision to distribute 30 new "red hats" after four years without appointing any new cardinals has confirmed the importance he still attaches to this ancient office. The decision also appears to rule out the likelihood of any radical reform of the system of electing popes, which since 1059 has been the most important prerogative of the sacred college. But although the Pope apparently intended to maintain the traditional prestige of the cardinals, he has changed the procedures and ceremony for creating them to make today's consistory the shortest and simplest for centuries.

Egypt sacks 30 members from party

CAIRO (Reuters). — Thirty members of Egypt's only political party, the Arab Socialist Union, were dismissed on Saturday in a new purge of its ranks against political "deviations."

The disciplinary committee meeting under People's Assembly speaker Hafez Badawy also restored membership to eight other members.

Last month, 89 people, many of them journalists, were dismissed. President Sadat said in a speech recently that there had been attempts by certain elements to depart from the principles of the July 1952 revolution which toppled King Farouk.

Hanoi releases 106 more U.S. PoWs

SAIGON. — The withdrawal of American troops from South Vietnam resumed yesterday as 106 prisoners of war were being released in Hanoi.

Three U.S. transport planes ferried 106 American prisoners and two Thai to Clark Air Base in the Philippines from Hanoi, while the planned withdrawal of the 10,787 American servicemen still in South Vietnam got under way once more. The pull-out was halted when North Vietnam and the Vietcong delayed the release of a second group of U.S. prisoners, calling on the U.S. to do something about what they called the grave situation in the Vietnam cease-fire and demanding better protection for their Joint Military Commission (J.M.C.) delegates.

But while North Vietnam yesterday released the 106 prisoners into U.S. care, a further 34 prisoners, including two Filipinos and two West Germans — one a woman — waited for release by the Vietcong in Hanoi today.

There was still deadlock reported in Saigon on negotiations to exchange prisoners between South Vietnam and the Vietcong. Communist delegates on the J.M.C. are demanding the release of 10,000 men, but the South Vietnamese are only offering 2,000 in return for 1,000 South Vietnamese.

There was no firm word in Saigon whether the U.S. minesweeping operation in North Vietnam was also resumed, but officials also presumably hoped it would start again. It also had been suspended at the same time as the troop withdrawal halt.

Radio Hanoi accused the U.S. of "attempting to delay the removal of mines in North Vietnam."

BEIRUT (Reuters). — Lebanese military experts have defused Israeli torpedoes found on the shore near the South Lebanese town of Sidon two days ago. Palestinian terrorist sources said here yesterday.

They said they believed the torpedoes were fired by Israeli Navy while withdrawing after raids on two Palestinian camps in southern Lebanon last month.

The torpedoes, four metres long, was believed to have been tossed around by waves until it was washed ashore.

Mart finance ministers hold emergency session on dollar

BRUSSELS (AP). — Finance ministers from the Common Market countries have virtually agreed to give up buying U.S. dollars at fixed rates, an informed source said as they held an emergency meeting yesterday.

Such a decision would mean floating almost all European currencies against the dollar, and against other outside currencies too. How far the ministers will let the currencies of the nine member countries float against one another remained to be decided. The meeting started in mid-afternoon, half an hour late. French Finance Minister Valéry Giscard d'Estaing was the last to arrive.

On the ministers' decision will hinge many of their hopes for a quick move to closer European union.

Finance Minister Willy de Clercq of Belgium, chairman of the meeting, said before it started: "It will be a test for Europe. If we succeed, it will be a decisive and irreversible step toward unity."

He noted with satisfaction in a radio interview that this time representatives of the European community were meeting before a decision. In the last crisis the major powers acted first, the dollar

was devalued, and the Common Market met only later. This brought a public protest from Belgium and the Netherlands, whose currencies are among the strongest.

Britain and Italy, who already have floated their currencies, were the main stumbling blocks. Before they tie the pound and the lira to other European currencies they want to be sure that the value of their money will not be pushed up so high that their goods are driven out of world markets, nor so low as to draw a new flood of dollars.

Anthony Barber, Britain's Chancellor of the Exchequer, came here two days before presenting his budget to the House of Commons — and on the eve, according to persistent reports, of setting a new value for the pound.

Finance Minister Giscard d'Estaing, one of the leading political figures in France, had to leave his country on election day. Since the second round in the election comes on next Sunday, final decisions in Brussels may have to be delayed too.

Finance Minister Helmut Schmidt left a hospital bed in West Germany, where he has been nursing a thyroid disorder. Setting new values for currencies was the main topic. It concerned

the housewife's market basket as well as the calculations of banks and brokers. When the pound and dollar falls, prices for imports goods rise in Britain or the United States. Prices for home-produced goods tend to go up with them. This is especially important to Britain, the world's biggest food importer, struggling with a dangerous inflation.

But a low price for the pound the dollar or any other currency makes home production cheaper and more saleable in foreign countries. That means more jobs at home and more profit for businessmen.

Only for tourists

Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter. Except for exchange service for tourists, Israel banks yesterday continued to refrain from dealing in currency, pending the reopening of the money markets in Europe. The markets closed last Friday following the eruption of a new dollar crisis and will stay closed until the European markets open again.

Financial circles in Jerusalem doubted yesterday whether a solution to the latest crisis will be hammered out by the European powers. "The Germans will probably not float the mark by themselves, whereas the other European powers are reluctant to float with the mark, since the currencies are less strong," a bank official told *The Jerusalem Post* last night.

If the Europeans do not revalue against the dollar, the possibility exists that the Americans will impose an import levy of 15 to 20 per cent — and that would affect Israel interests strongly, he said.

Sales to the U.S. would be seriously handicapped — for all supplies not only Israel. At the same time competition would stiffen on the European market, as more goods sought an alternative outlet. The Bank of Israel released the following exchange rate schedule for foreign tourists and Israelis who are leaving for Europe. The figures in parentheses are last week's rates:

Ten Deutschmarks, IL14 (IL13.20); pound sterling, IL11 (IL10.10); 100 Swiss francs, IL10.40 (IL10.10); 10 Dutch florins, IL14.50 (IL14.10); 10 Swedish crowns, IL15.15 (IL15); 1,000 Italian lire, IL7.20 (IL6.90); 10 French francs, IL2.20 (IL2).

Israel civil aircraft

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off and landing) turbo-prop plane, carrying 20 passengers, or 2.5 tons of cargo. The Commodore Jet 1123 is a fast, 10-seat businessman's plane.

The 1123 has likewise won tributes abroad. Notable among them is the decision by Atlantic Aviation, leading aircraft distributor in the U.S., to take over its marketing. The company's president, W.L. Patrick, observed recently that "there is a strong demand for a low-priced business jet." Both his company and heavy corporate users evaluated the

Israel plane, among other models. "In both their and our opinion, the 1123 is the best performer and best value at its price" (which is \$1,050,000), he said.

It has been renamed the "Westwind" by the marketing company. The U.S. Coast Guard, which wants to buy up to 43 new planes has narrowed the field to two models. It decided to lease one for evaluation, and allow eventual purchase if the aircraft can "perform the mission."

Last Monday's issue of "Aviation Week" states: "Westwind 1123 is a hard nut on initial evaluations. It was discounted as a contender by the Coast Guard, because it is built by a U.S. firm. A recent decision by the Administration, however, will permit the Coast Guard to lease the aircraft for on-the-job evaluations, and allow eventual purchase if the aircraft can 'perform the mission.'"

Yesterday Mr. Gali also discussed another controversial IAI move, purchase of 13 used Boeing 737 for overhaul and resale. Mr. Gali had told *The Post* six months ago that five of the planes would be sold by the end of the present year. "Please come and ask on March 31 where those Boeing are," he was quoted saying. Answer given yesterday: five are sold (by a company long jointly to IAI, Shaul Shalev and two American partners). They fetched enough to cover \$6m. cost of all 13 plus overhaul expenses worth IAI did the five craft.

Another IAI project that was discussed is a proposal to partner with the Mexican Government in creating an aircraft maintenance and overhaul centre on the Yucatan peninsula. After IAI had given a feasibility study, Al Schwallm, head of the Israeli company, invited by the President of Mexico (at a meeting attended by the Israeli Ambassador) to help launch this venture. As things stand, a mail request from the Mexicans to the Israeli Government is awaiting official sources say.

Athens lawyers held for student troubles

ATHENS (Reuters). — Four young Athens lawyers were detained for questioning by security police yesterday in connection with recent student unrest in Greece.

The arrests came as a pro-Government newspaper said former politicians, retired generals and some lawyers had instigated the student troubles with the aim of causing bloodshed and provoking condemnation of the Athens military regime in the U.S. Congress.

Police sources named the four lawyers arrested as Nicholas Karamanlis, Anastassios Alavanos, George Vgontzos and Panayotis Kanellakis. The lawyers were among the defence counsels who last month defended in court 11 students arrested during demonstrations and charged with insulting authorities. Eight of the students were jailed for periods of from eight to 11 months.

Jury blames cannibal pilot for plane crash

YELLOWKNIFE, Canada (UPI). — The coroner's jury in the Martin Hartwell inquest decided on Saturday that the German-born pilot's inexperience contributed to the crash of his twin-engine plane and the deaths of three persons aboard.

The jury did not recommend that Mr. Hartwell be criminally prosecuted but criticized him for not appearing at the inquest.

Mr. Hartwell admitted in a statement that he ate the flesh of one of his three dead passengers after all their food sources ran out during his 32-day ordeal in the Arctic wastelands.

The six-man jury, five of whom are pilots, deliberated for three-and-a-half hours.

2,700-year Etruscan tomb discovered

CERVETERI, Italy (AP). — A huge Etruscan tomb dating back to 800 B.C.E. has been found under an apartment building, police reported yesterday.

Investigators said the tomb, measuring about 100 metres in diameter, was empty when an unidentified person told them about it. Its contents were probably stolen by bootleg excavators, police believe.

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North Vietnam says it is making quick postwar recovery

SAIGON (AP). — North Vietnam said the helicopter was hit with a reported postwar recovery from the speedy postwar recovery from the devastation of American bombing, rebuilding bridges, shipyards and factories during the cease-fire.

The biggest accomplishment to date, a Radio Hanoi broadcast reported, has been the reactivation of the mile-long Paul Doumer Bridge, the biggest in North Vietnam. It is the most important bridge in the north, linking Hanoi to China. U.S. Air Force bombers knocked it out in raids last May 10-11 and again last September 10.

Radio Hanoi said the bridge was rebuilt "after 41 days and nights of intensive repair work."

North Vietnam's official Communist Party newspaper "Nhan Dan" reported that many docks, jetties and berths have been restored at the Bach Dang shipbuilding yard in Haiphong "in preparation for new ships to sail out."

"Floating bridges, boats and barges are being put together," said "Nhan Dan," "while cargoes are quickly processed out of the docks."

North Vietnam said many plants are producing while rebuilding. It reported that nearly half of its state-owned brick and tile factories and stone quarries are working. U.S. bombs last year have resumed operations.

But in South Vietnam, the shooting continued.

The Saigon command reported that Communist troops shot down a South Vietnamese helicopter on a resupply mission northeast of Tay Ninh city, about 96 kms. from Saigon, killing all six government troops aboard.

Lt.-Col. Le Trung Hien, chief spokesman for the Saigon command,

said the helicopter was hit with a Soviet-built, hand-fired Strela missile. Hien said there have been several other helicopters shot down since the cease-fire went into effect on January 28, but he did not have a specific number.

The Saigon command claimed 128 more violations of the cease-fire during the 24-hour period ending at 6 a.m. yesterday. It reported a total of 5,668 violations in the 36 days the cease-fire has been in effect. Despite this high number of alleged incidents, U.S. officials say the intensity of the fighting has generally decreased in the past two weeks with no major battles. Many of the claimed violations involve only minor incidents.

The Saigon command listed these total casualties: North Vietnamese and Vietcong — 8,884 killed, 195 captured; South Vietnamese military — 1,616 killed, 7,729 wounded, 1,091 missing; civilians — 212 killed, 582 wounded, 712 abducted.

On the other hand, the Vietcong's Gial Phong news agency charged the Saigon Government with thousands of cease-fire violations and accused it of attempting to delay the release of Vietnamese civilian and military personnel while it "continues to liquidate them."

"In western Nambo (Mekong Delta), since last December, 18,000 detainees have been reported missing since their transfer to unknown destinations," said the news agency. "Five thousand detainees were removed from the Phu Quoc camp. Recently, local fishermen found numerous bodies washed ashore on the islands of Hon Roi and Hon Phu Tron. The dead personnel were black clothing and their bodies showed traces of interment in detention camps of the Saigon administration."

Weekend toll in Belfast: four dead

BELFAST (UPI). — Four men died in a weekend of violence in Belfast, as police and soldiers tightened up security in advance of Thursday's referendum on the political future of Northern Ireland.

Four men planned a bomb yesterday which exploded in the St. Lawrence Hall, one of the polling stations for the vote Thursday on whether Northern Ireland's roughly one million Protestants and half-million Catholics want to join the Irish Republic to the south or stay linked with Britain.

Police said yesterday's explosion caused no casualties.

The weekend's violence began Friday night, when two gunmen rushed from an alley and sprayed a city bus with shots, killing its Catholic driver, Patrick Crossan, 38, and wounding a relief driver, who was about to take over from him.

"It's a miracle no one else got in the way of the bullets," a police spokesman said. "As the firing started, the passengers ran like hell for their lives."

Belfast bus drivers promptly went on strike and said they would stay out until after Mr. Crossan's funeral tomorrow.

Police said his shooting apparently inspired the next killing, when two men with sub-machineguns shot down two Protestants as they were leaving an Orange Lodge hall early Saturday morning, killing one and seriously wounding the other.

A few hours later a woman walking on a lonely country road outside Londonderry found the hooded, gagged and bound body of Sgt. David Deacon of the Ulster Defense Regiment (UDR), the part-time militia which backs up British troops in

Northern Ireland. Sgt. Deacon had been missing since Friday.

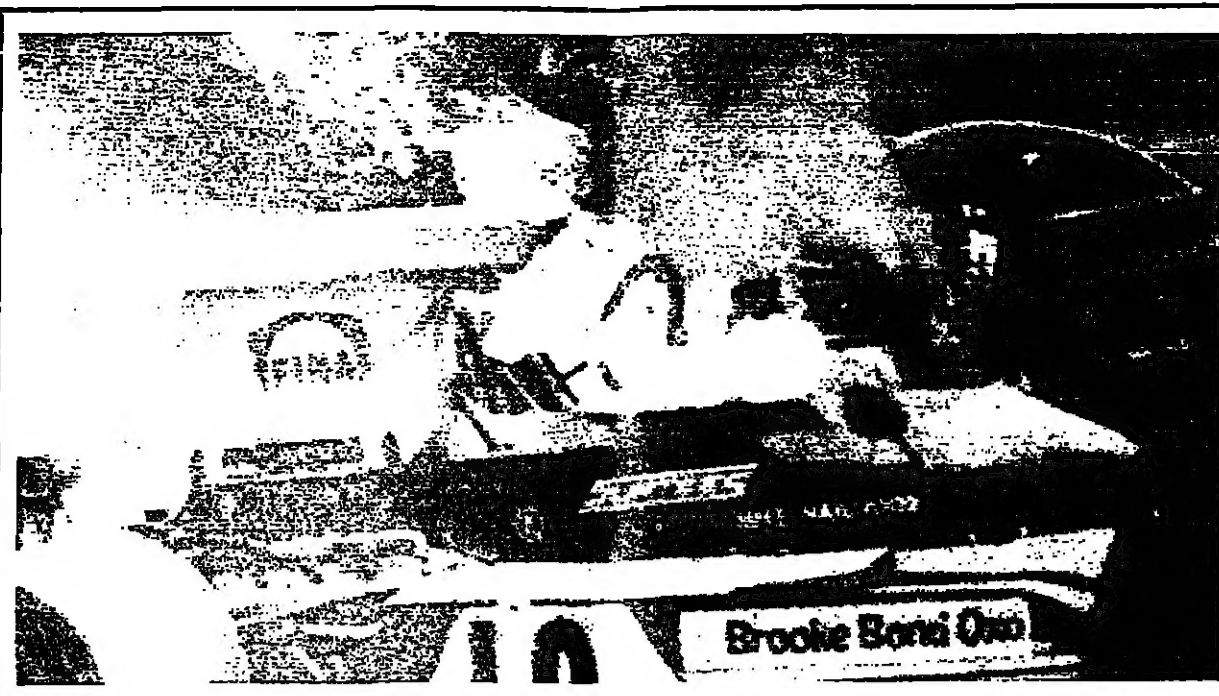
In a Belfast hospital 21-year-old Pvt. Raymond Hall died on Saturday, two weeks after he was shot in the back by a Protestant gunman during a one-day general strike by Protestants.

A hospital spokesman said Pvt. Hall had been unconscious most of the time since the shooting. He was only the second British soldier killed by Protestants since the violence in Northern Ireland began in August, 1969.

Kidnapper shot dead in B'Aires

BUENOS AIRES (UPI). — Police raided the hideout of a gang of kidnapers yesterday, killing one kidnapper in a gunfight and freeing an industrialist who was being held in lieu of \$500,000 ransom.

The police spokesman said three other kidnapers were arrested. He identified the kidnapper victim as Samuel Israel, owner of a metalurgical factory, who was abducted on February 27.



Racing driver Clay Regazzoni of Switzerland, trapped in his vehicle and enveloped in flames, during early stages of Saturday's South African Grand Prix held in Johannesburg. He was in serious condition in hospital, but is said to be improving. (AP radiophoto)

Indians fire on marshals

PINE RIDGE, South Dakota (UPI). — Indians fired sporadically on Federal authorities surrounding besieged Wounded Knee yesterday but a lawyer who went into the historic Sioux Indian community said he thought their mood was conciliatory.

Ramon Roribidez of Rapid City, one of six lawyers who entered Wounded Knee, which was seized by a group of Indians and American Indian Movement (AIM) sympathizers on Tuesday night, estimated there were 450 Indians at the scene.

Federal authorities, including marshals in armored troop carriers, maintained roadblocks about eight kms. on either side of the site of an 1890 battle in which the U.S. Cavalry killed 300 Sioux.

Sporadic gunfire continued after two army armored troop carriers were hit with 20 rounds of rifle fire on Friday night. Marshals returned the fire and also fired a canister of tear gas.

Pakistan scores 347 for five

KARACHI (AP). — Pakistan had scored 347 runs yesterday for the loss of five wickets at close of play on the third day of the five-day Test between England and Pakistan. England had a first innings total of 355 all out.

The main feature of the Pakistan innings was Saqlid Mohammad's 119 including 14 fours. His first 100 runs came in 340 minutes. Another successful scorer was Saqlid's elder brother, Mushtaq Mohammad, bowled by Underworld for 66 runs.

Asif Iqbal played brilliant cricket scoring 77 runs not out. Pakistan's first two wickets — those of Talat Ali and skipper Majid Khan — fell before lunch. Saqlid Mohammad was out after lunch and the wickets of Mushtaq and Imtiaz Khan fell after tea.

Amin now sees flying saucer

KAMPALA (UPI). — President Idi Amin claims to have seen an unidentified flying object over Lake Victoria, Radio Uganda said yesterday.

The radio said Amin was among a number of people who saw "a spectacular object covered with something like smoke" on Saturday descending into the lake, some 16 kms. away, at about midday.

"After some seven minutes, the object was seen lifting off like a rocket being fired but moving gently. When disappearing into the sky, the last portion of it was seen like the tail of a big snake."

According to the radio, Amin said the object was of "great significance" and "a sign of good luck to Uganda." He added that all those who had seen it should attend prayers.

'Pravda' says China approves U.S. presence

MOSCOW (Reuters). — The Soviet press said yesterday that despite the ending of the Vietnam war the U.S. intended to preserve its military strength in South East Asia, apparently with China's tacit approval.

"Pravda" said the U.S. planned to move its air force centres and bases from Vietnam to Thailand. The Soviet party daily quoted American newspapers and magazines as stating that the U.S. continued to have a special role in the South East Asia area.

Following the recent visit to Peking of American Presidential adviser, Henry Kissinger, the Chinese leadership appeared interested in a preservation of the U.S. military potential in Asia, the newspaper said. According to Washington rumours the Chinese not only do not object to this but see the continuing presence of substantial U.S. forces in the region as a stabilizing element, "Pravda" wrote.

Altmann says he's not Barbie

LA PAZ, Bolivia (UPI). — Klaus Altmann said from his jail cell on Saturday that he never told the District Attorney he also was Klaus Barbie — the wartime Nazi secret police chief in Lyons.

Through his attorney, Altmann said he "had always said he is and has been Klaus Altmann because that is his true identity." Altmann's attorney, Constantino Carrion, applied on Saturday to have Altmann released on his own recognizance.

Altmann was jailed on Friday afternoon on orders from criminal District Attorney Gaston Ledezma after hearing a two-and-a-half-hour statement by Altmann. The statement was given as part of the extradition proceedings filed against him by France based on charges that Altmann was a Gestapo chief in the city of Lyons. He is charged with war crimes, including the murder of resistance leader Jean Moulin, for which a French court has sentenced Altmann in absentia to death.

Ledezma said on Friday he had sufficient evidence that Altmann and Barbie were the same person. He ordered Altmann jailed until his true identity is determined.

Big Soviet missile cruiser in Med.

NICOSIA (Reuters). — Nimrod maritime reconnaissance planes of Britain's Royal Air Force are shadowing 12 ships of a Soviet Mediterranean fleet apparently preparing for an exercise west of the island of Crete, a British forces spokesman said here yesterday.

Among the vessels are the newly-commissioned guided missile cruiser Nikolayev, and the helicopter cruiser, Moskva. It is the first time the 10,000-ton Nikolayev has appeared in the Mediterranean and Nato intelligence officers are studying her closely.

New life injected into stale concert establishment

The Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, Masada Vira Concert No. 2. (Tel Aviv, Masada Auditorium, February 22). Conductor: Lukas Foss. Overture: "U Remita Solas," instrumental motet: Barber: "Requiem" for mixed voices; Zelig: "Bach's" for violin solo and viola choir; Foss: "Phorin" from "Baroque Variations"; Stravinsky: "Les Nocturnes," cantata for four voices, four piano, choir and percussion.



AFTER weeks of mediocre performances and hopelessly boring programmes, this "Masada Vira" concert was like an injection of new life into our petrified concert establishment. It was an immensely rewarding experience.

The concert opened with a mysterious motet by the 15th-century Flemish composer Ockeghem, set for flute, soprano-saxophone, bass, clarinet, viola, cello, piano and glockenspiel by the Englishman Harrison Paul Birtwistle. It is absolutely legitimate to perform these works today on the instruments of our time. The inclusion of the saxophone, with its amazing affinity in sound to the medieval zink, is a splendid idea. Birtwistle's magnificent "modern" arrangement proves anew the greatness and timelessness of Ockeghem's music.

The motet was played lovingly by an ensemble consisting of John Eshman, flute; Gad Eshkar, saxophone; Gloria Feldman, clarinet; Zelig: "Bach's" for violin solo and viola choir; Foss: "Phorin" from "Baroque Variations"; Stravinsky: "Les Nocturnes," cantata for four voices, four piano, choir and percussion.

Medieval mysticism was followed by the romantic songs of Samuel Barber. The Jerusalem Academy Choir under Stanley Sperber still needs a deeper and more flexible tone to sound really impressive; some of the passages should have been attacked with more determination and force. Still, the songs were quite pleasant, and Mr. Sperber can be given credit for a considerable achievement.

Israel music was represented by

Abel Elitzich's "Bashrav," composed in 1953. Elitzich has changed his style since then completely, but this is still one of his best pieces. Avraham Melamed, the soloist, played the difficult piece with brilliant tone and impeccable technical mastery. The concert reached an explosive climax with Lukas Foss' "Phorin." Foss' Variations arouse admiration for their original fusing of old and new, their imagination, their imposing structure and their elementary force. Foss conducted with all his youthful enthusiasm and ferocious energy. The success of Foss' piece was overwhelming, and it is our sincere hope that we will soon be able to listen to the whole composition.

"Les Nocturnes" by Stravinsky was performed by a splendid cast of four excellent singers: Lois Yavne, soprano; Rena Samsonov, mezzo-soprano; Kenneth Bowen, tenor; Jerome Barry, bass; four highly experienced pianists: Bracha Eden, Ruth Mease, Alexander Tamir and Arish Verdi, and six highly skilled percussionists. The Academy choir, which bore the bulk of this demanding score, reached a high level and played a vital role in the outstanding success. The true hero was, of course, Lukas Foss, who must be credited not only with giving us at last, the long-awaited opportunity to listen to this masterpiece by Stravinsky, but also with making the performance a thrilling event.

BENJAMIN BAR-AM

Under Theodorakis' spell

THEODORAKIS conducts THEODOREAKIS, Maria Farantouri, Aglaia Dimitriadis, Petros Pandis; narrator: Lior Yotai; translations: Ariva Orshalom (Binyamin Hacham, Jerusalem, February 29). From "Mantassan," "Songs for Andreas," "Epitaphies," "The Ballad of the Dead Brother," "Eight Songs" (Yotai, Petros), "The Angels' Quarter" and others.

THEODORAKIS, who first performed before the Israeli public at last year's Israel Festival, has captivated capacity audiences everywhere, who rave and keep him on stage until midnight with ever-rising enthusiasm. I am sure that many people who don't subscribe to his political credo fall under the spell of the music, the rhythm, the musician and man called Mikis Theodorakis.

His music is intentionally uncomplicated, with basic binary and ternary rhythms, only sometimes gaining special interest with the five/eight and seven/eight beat typical of Greek folk music. The harmonic changes are unsophisticated. Without being eclectic, Theodorakis has found such a general language that the listener will feel all sorts of reminiscences: musical clock effects from the Roccoco, Mediterranean melos, Russian atmosphere and Near-Eastern melodic turns. Surprisingly there is also something like a Rebbe's nigun, then a spot of the Communist Manifesto in melodramatic setting, and, again, a bit of Ashkenazic Hazzanut — but all fascinatingly drenched in Theodorakis. The singers were completely involved. Maria Farantouri's slightly throaty, rich and expressive voice served the music extremely well; young Aglaia Dimitriadis, whose performance was more Mediterranean in character, was very attractive in her contribution; and Petros Pandis provided the male aspect of the trio with tense and terse interpretations. Theodorakis himself joined his singers in the 18 songs of Yannis Ritsos, his latest work, which showed invention and musical attractiveness. The intoxicating rhythm was kept up constantly by the perfect drummer and his electric guitar support, the three excellent bouzouki players and the pianist.

Theodorakis' lavish but apt conducting, the singers' concentrated performance and the music, always the same and always different, produced an atmosphere of near-mesmeric influence on the audience who could not get enough. An undisputed triumph for this great folk artist.

YOHANAN BOEHM

50,000 U.K. families told to stop using gas

LONDON (AP). — Half a million British families were told yesterday to stop using gas as supplies fell to a "critical" level because of strikes by gas workers.

"Pressures are being reduced to the absolute minimum compatible with safety," said a spokesman for the state-owned industry in the industrial Midlands. He said housewives must exercise "the most stringent economy" and stagger their dinners.

Meanwhile, another series of strikes, by non-medical hospital staff, was biting hard. Twelve hospitals in the London area were under "red alert," meaning they can admit emergency cases only. Doctors warned of serious consequences to patients.

The Gas Board spokesman said families "must confine heating to one room and then at the lowest comfort level. Cooking must be restricted to simple dishes and hot water severely rationed."

For 50,000 Midlands families there were no hot meals at all. Their gas supplies have already been cut off. It was the worst day yet in a three-week campaign of strikes and go-slows by 47,000 gasmen that has reduced gas pressures in four million homes and cut off about 4,800 industrial users completely.

Many rail services were cancelled or delayed yesterday by a "non-cooperation" policy operated by the engine drivers. The drivers say they will strike next Thursday and every Sunday until their demands are met.

A special meeting of the Trades Union Congress, the giant federation which represents over 10 million workers, will be held tomorrow to discuss the strike situation. It is expected to block a demand by union militants for a general strike against the government's pay policy.

CARDINAL. — Pope Paul has accepted the resignation of Patrick Cardinal O'Boyle, 77, as Archbishop of Washington, D.C. because of old age, the Vatican announced yesterday. No successor was named immediately.

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The bus of the future

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The reason we do not have better buses is because of restrictive policies dictated by the Transport Ministry, Yehoram Fuchs, manager of the Ha'argaz bus body assembly plant told *The Jerusalem Post* last week. He was reacting to a statement by Transport Minister Shimon Peres at the general meeting of the National Safety Council, that buses would be bought elsewhere, unless the three Israeli assemblers improved their product.

"If the Ministry allowed us to import components regardless of monopolistic agreements, such as the one with Leyland, we could supply the best bus for Israel conditions at a competitive price," Mr. Fuchs said.

He confirmed that, about a month ago, Mr. Peres had proposed that the three firms making bus bodies here, Ha'argaz, Merchavia and Leyland, pool their expertise to produce the "bus of the future." Talks on the subject are still going on, he said.

Egged spokesman Mordechai Shikman announced last week that the cooperative has just introduced a new prototype bus. It is a Dutch DAF, whose body was assembled by Ha'argaz here. Egged has permits to import 50 such buses.

The DAF bus is much lower and lighter than present models. It has better springs, more comfortable seats, larger windows, and forced air ventilation. Slightly longer than the old buses (11.85 metres instead of 11.15 metres), the new model seats 51 instead of 47 persons.

Three DAF models have proven themselves in strenuous road tests here, the spokesman said.

ter said, a subway system must be built in the Dan area, where one-third of the population is concentrated.

Mr. Peres promised to fight to make car spare parts cheaper. He also indicated that he is in favour of cars with automatic transmissions, which make for a smoother flow of traffic, he said.

The Minister threatened the three factories making bus bodies here, that unless they improve their product, "buses will be bought elsewhere. We will not compromise on passenger comfort," he said. (See bus of the future, right.)

Judge Shlomo Lowenberg, Chairman of the Safety Council, said that the wearing of safety belts will soon be made a condition of membership in the Council. He scored the Education Ministry for allocating only IL200,000 for the safety education of over 600,000 children. "This only comes to about 30 ag. per child a year," he said.

KEEPING PARKED CARS MOVING — Motorists will undoubtedly call it a thoroughly unfair device — but London's metropolitan police have the new "Z" wagon as an aid in fighting against traffic congestion. The latest weapon in keeping illegally parked cars on the move, the wagon is a hydraulic lifting vehicle, which, at the touch of a button, can whisk away anything from a Mini to a Rolls Royce in less than one minute. The cost of the new wagon: £10,000. (UPI)

Greater use of safety belts

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Transport Minister Shimon Peres said last week that there is a slight improvement in driver attitudes and that the public is also making greater use of safety belts. He foresaw, however, that the wearing of belts would eventually have to be made compulsory. He was speaking at the annual general meeting of the National Council for the Prevention of Accidents, at the Ramat Aviv Hotel here.

Mr. Peres said that, with 90 per cent of the population concentrated in the cities, private cars should be used mostly for pleasure and that people should use public transport to get to work. "Modern man has two homes," he said, "the one is his permanent home, the other his car. At home he is a civilized being, but in his car he returns to the jungle."

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Colourful bunting and piped music put potential buyers into the right mood at "Auto City," a new venture by three Tel Aviv used car dealers. Ernie Meyer reports.

THREE Tel Aviv businessmen took a gamble in establishing the "Auto City" used car centre on the Tel Aviv-Haifa highway opposite the Country Club; after two months, it shows every prospect of paying off.

The venture is a direct outcome of the difficulties used car dealers encounter in doing business in Tel Aviv. Many are refused municipal trading licences and face repeated prosecution.

The basic problem is that the frequent movement of cars into and out of their lots, on busy thoroughfares, creates traffic hazards. Dealers are also forced to change their locations as lots they rent are taken over as building sites.

Mati Peleg, one of the partners in "Auto City," last week told *The Jerusalem Post* about plans by the Tel Aviv Municipality to establish a used car lot area near the Ezra Quarter, in the south of the city.

"These plans fell through when the site was designated for a park," he said. After that he and his two partners decided to solve the problem of the "wandering dealer" on their own.

Reaction by fellow dealers was mixed. Some opposed the plan because they feared that the private initiative would cause the Municipality to abandon plans to provide dealers with suitable locations.

But the trio were undaunted and acquired a 25-dunam plot along the east side of the Tel Aviv-Haifa highway from the Ramat Hasharon local council. The idea was to offer dealers 25 lots of 700 sq.m. net each, with room for about 40 cars, on a rental or purchase basis.

Dealers were asked to pay IL1,200 monthly rent (about half the Tel Aviv rate), or to buy lots for IL120,000. There have been no purchasers so far, but 13 lots have been rented since "Auto City" opened on January 1. "I'm certain that by the beginning of the season, in April, all the lots will be gone," Mati Peleg said. He pointed out proudly that Volkswagen and Auto-cars (Sussita) have taken lots for their new cars, and that BMW is to follow soon. The advantage to the new car dealers is that they can make a deal on the spot, selling the customer's trade-in to one of their neighbouring used car dealers, he said.

Many of the tenants (including Peleg and his partners) have not given up their Tel Aviv businesses, apparently hedging their bets. Also some of the tenants are new firms, formed by two or three former salesmen or small dealers banding together to join the new venture. Thus the basic problem of Tel Aviv dealers may have been solved only in very small measure.



IT'S A DEAL — Money changes hands. Both buyer and seller seem to be happy about their bargain. (Camera Press)

The organizers, who paid an undisclosed seven-figure sum for the tract of land, faced big problems in getting it ready for occupancy. They had to fill in land, bring in water and electricity and build a short approach road from the highway.

The lots are all of identical size. They are fenced in and the roads criss-crossing the area have "round corners," so that customers (including women) have no trouble cruising between the lots, "window-shopping." The offices are all standard type and size, except for that of one individualist dealer, who towed up his discarded old bus which had been turned into a very cosy two-room office.

Standard are lights on the corners of each lot provide illumination, but some dealers have already strung the traditional colourful bunting across their lots and will doubtlessly add strings of light bulbs. Bright lights attract not only motorists — but also car buyers, and chrome and fresh paint look that much better reflected in their glare.

Telephones

Piped-in music already waits from loudspeakers, trying to put potential buyers into the right mood for parting with their money. Telephones are expected to be put in any day now.

The management has democratically decreed that the signs of all dealers be of the same size. This has not stopped one car-dealer artist (there are such) from lovingly painting a vintage model on his sign. At the entrance to "Auto City" two large signs proclaim that the Transport Ministry and Ramat Hasharon local council welcome the enterprise. The Ministry does so because of the expected relief for the dealer situation in Tel Aviv, the local council because of taxes and the expected business.

Egged has obligingly installed a special stop in front of "Auto City." A petrol station and two restaurants are open next to the area. Car repair and body shops will be built on one of the plots and it is hoped that banks and insurance offices

will eventually want to establish branches at "Auto City" too. Every Tuesday afternoon "Auto City" has a free sale, to which it invites people from all parts of the country to come and deal with each other — and its dealers. The idea is to get the public to know about "Auto City." Once established, it is planned to charge fees for cars entered on the "free" trading days devoted to certain makes of cars: a lot selling camping caravans and boats; and, from April 1, 10 p.m. closing hours on Mondays and Wednesdays instead of the usual 7 p.m.

Asked about the average profit margin on deals, Mati Peleg said that on cars worth IL10,000, it is between IL600 and IL700; on those selling for about IL20,000, it is about IL1,000 and on models retelling for close to IL30,000, it comes to IL1,200-IL1,500. "Of course, dealers can also lose on a deal or make IL2,000," he added.

Questioned whether the close proximity of 25 dealers to each other would result in cut-throat competition and loss of business, Mati said that the opposite is true. Once the public is used to coming to "Auto City" instead of spending days roaming the lots in Tel Aviv in search of a bargain, there will be business for all, he said. The large selection of cars attracts customers. The fact that a customer is almost sure to be able to sell his old car to a dealer on one lot, while finding the model he wants on another, is a big drawing card, he added.

On the subject of dealer morals,

U.S. mechanics prove they are not experts

WASHINGTON (UPI). — AFTER testing thousands of car mechanics, an industry-backed group reported recently that an overwhelming majority failed to show enough skill to qualify as all-around experts at their jobs.

A total of 7,900 mechanics volunteered to take four tests late last year at the invitation of the National Institute For Automotive Service Excellence, with the promise that they would be certified as "general automobile mechanics" if they passed all the tests.

The Institute said only 17 per cent got high enough scores to win the general certification.

The Institute was not disillusioned with the results. It discovered after it got into the project that mechanics are used increasingly for specialty work and that the concept of a general expert was no longer quite valid.

"The tests were tough," an Institute official said, "and we knew they would be a new experience for many of the mechanics. They were deliberately designed to a level of difficulty that would permit only the truly competent to pass."

There are an estimated 800,000 mechanics in the U.S., sharing in a \$30,000m.-a-year car maintenance business.

Football pool

TEL AVIV. — Referee Avraham Klein refused to start the League "A" match between Rishon LeZion Hapoel and Holon Hapoel on Saturday until the pool of water in the centre of the Rishon LeZion ground was pumped away.

The Rishon LeZion fire brigade arrived to carry out the job, but no sooner got started when the fire-engine got stuck in the mud. All the fire engine's efforts to get out only stuck it deeper in the mud. Due to the current townsmen's strike, a tow-truck could not come to the rescue. The players of both sides spent 90 minutes pushing and pulling the fire engine. Just before darkness the engine was moved.

The football game was postponed.

T.A. to get 'parking brigade'

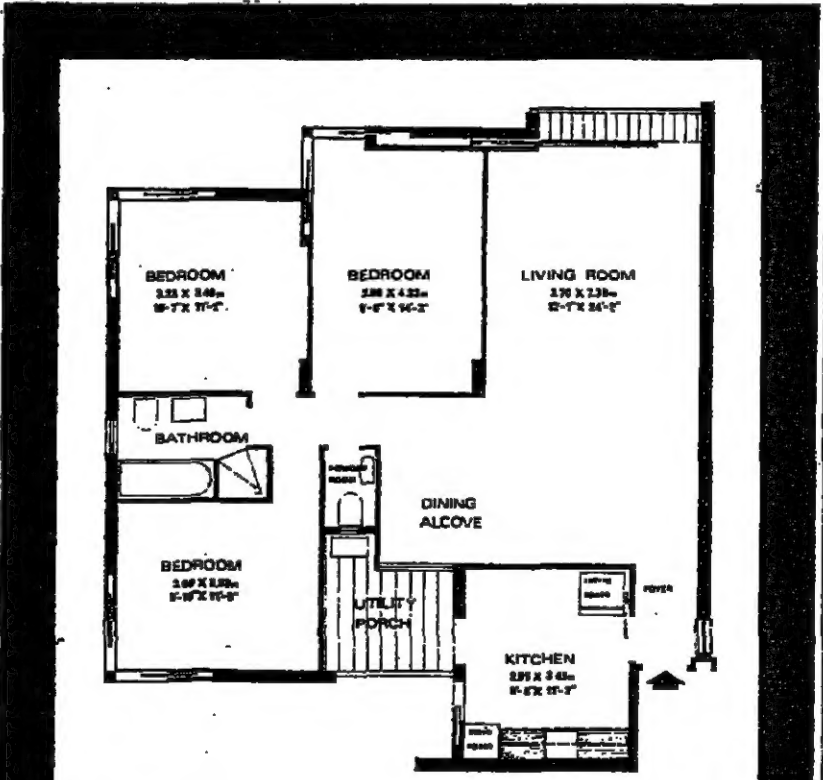
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Municipality and the Ministry of Transport will set up a special unit whose sole duty will be to enforce parking regulations and see to it that major thoroughfares in town are not clogged by parked cars.

The agreement was reached on Thursday by Deputy Transport Minister Gad Ya'acobi and Deputy Mayor Halkel Ramot.

Some 100 men would be employed by the unit at first, they will not be members of the police force, but will constitute a separate force like the Safety Patrol. The men will be authorized to impose fines on offending drivers as well as to tow away vehicles parked illegally.

One of the main problems plaguing Tel Aviv is the fact that the main streets are lined with parked cars, often on both sides of the road, thus depriving the already-too-narrow roads of two lanes.



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The noble work of a female journalist

By DIANA LOEBER

NEW YORK — This small, slender woman who opens the door looks fragile, like an undernourished bird, and there is vulnerability in the eyes. Until one hears the strong, clear tones of the voice that seems too big for the body, it is difficult to believe that this is the Oriana Fallaci who has served as a war correspondent in Vietnam and interviewed some of the most important people in the world: most recently presidential adviser Henry Kissinger and Nguyen van Thieu, President of South Vietnam. She has been shot — three times while covering the 1968 Olympics in Mexico City.



ORIANA FALLACI

The author of five books and a reporter for the Italian magazine "L'Espresso" for the past 17 years, Miss Fallaci is amused by the celebrity status that these two journalistic coups have suddenly thrust on her. "What's happening in these weeks is very funny for me. I can understand that they come to interview me because I'm writing a book, but that they come to interview me because I interviewed Dr. Kissinger and President Thieu is something I cannot understand," she said.

"The only thing that pleases me is that I am revenging the women who are humiliated and badly treated. It was good that I did these two things that all the journalists wanted to do, that it was a woman. The other thing — mind now, pay attention! — let's make it clear, I am not a nationalist. However, I found it amusing that it was also an Italian who did it — a female who made all this noise in America. I love it!" she laughed.

INTENSE CURIOSITY
Miss Fallaci speaks in italics and exclamation points, with hands flapping like wings. She is Florentine. A tremendous vitality emanates from her, a passion, that has doubtless contributed to her success as an interviewer. She speaks of her intense curiosity, which has elicited remarkable admissions from her famous subjects who have included Herman Muller, Engrig Bergman, E. H. Rap Brown, and Robert Kennedy.

There are two other reasons for her success as an interviewer: One is her talent for intimacy. She really establishes an atmosphere of confidence and closeness and creates the impression that she would tell you anything. Consequently you feel safe to do the same with her. The other factor is her relentlessness. When Miss Fallaci wants to pursue a line of questioning she rarely lets up.

"I used to be intimidated when I was younger," she recalled. "I used to be scared of people. The point is that since I have started to interview people in power, I have found how 'everyday' they are. I don't know how to put it. Sometimes they are mediocre. Really they are

not better, they are not superior. I have met very few superior people. Now if they are not superior, there is no reason to be intimidated. If they are superior, like the very few that I have found, they don't make you feel intimidated. They descend from their pedestal, and they come to you with their hand open and you feel at your ease. When they are more intelligent, more clever, they are nicer." Among those she cited as "superior" are Indira Gandhi, Golda Meir, and Pietro Nenni the Italian Socialist leader.

Miss Fallaci takes her work seriously. "You know, I always respect the answer as it is given to me. I have realized that the questions are not so important; the answers are. You can say, 'How do you feel today?' and I can give you any answer. The answer you must respect... I have been educated as a girl, as a young girl, to respect people. Even when I hate them I respect them. Even if they're my enemies, I still respect them."

UNPREDICTABLE
"I am rather unpredictable in the result of these interviews. For instance, nobody expected me to be rather nice with Thieu. I detest what he represents, and yet I rather defended him... He was so thirsty to be understood, so desperate and alone."

"I want to Dr. Kissinger determined to write something very nice, and I told him, 'You know, Dr. Kissinger, in the last years of my life I've been writing exclusively about people making war. This time I want to write the portrait of a man who is trying to make peace.' I really meant it. I was hoping to adore him and he froze me... One turned out to be a human being and the other to be just a politician and a professor."

What she wants to write about now is power: "The men who hold power. Not the abstract idea of power. Otherwise I would go to some professor at Yale or a psychiatrist and ask him, 'What is power?' I am seduced by the idea of trying to understand who are these men and women, why they are there, was it some kind of destiny, was it by chance, and when they get there are they aware of what they have in their hands?"

MAN IN POWER
"Power does not seduce me. For instance, I would never have interest in a man who is powerful... I see him automatically as ugly... A man in power is there to make me obey him and I would place him among the other things that make the dignity of man in his obedience. He wants to command me. He decides for me. Violate!"

Yes, Miss Fallaci confirms, there are feminist implications to her words. But she is an independent thinker and does not ally herself with those in "Women's Lib." "I think they play a little too much the victims," she quipped. "If they play less the victims and do more, they would achieve more. But the essence of what they say is right, and you and I would not be here if there had not been some suffragettes."

She is vehemently opposed to employment discrimination, and is even something of a female chauvinist. "The most intelligent heads of state I have found are women," she stated. How come? When a woman excels in her work she is exceptionally good. How come? A woman can do both things: work at homemaking, children, and have a profession. How come? I cannot ignore these things."

Miss Fallaci plans to remain a journalist for at least a few more years. Though she originally wanted to be a doctor, she speaks of her present profession with enthusiasm and without regret. "Life would not have given so much to me if I had become a doctor. As a doctor I would not have seen what I have seen. I would not have done what I have done. I think this work can be very noble. To me it is." (Christian Science Monitor News Service.)

'Reform' should start in kindergarten — not grade seven

CLOSING THE SCHOOL GAP

The 23-year-old principal of a high school and coolly-determined kibbutz teachers are in the forefront of the battle for social integration and higher education standards in development areas. ERNIE MEYER reports.

The new educational centre was put together from existing, older, units in 1970. Since then, the drop-out rate has fallen to almost zero.

"LONG SCHOOL DAY"

The Aranne Centre has brought in the new "long school day," in which academic and sports and social activities are interwoven in a school day which ends at three or four p.m. The school graduates pupils with matriculation (bagrut) or completion (gemert) certificates.

Adult education at the Centre concentrates on eliminating illiteracy. Over 100 housewives are taught by army girls in "home circles."

Asked whether he has difficulty attracting good teachers to Beisan, District Supervisor Elyahu Bar-Hana explained that teachers can earn from IL1,200 to IL2,500 net (after eight years) since they are allowed to earn more than one salary. The first IL750 is tax-free, because Beisan is a development town.

Many teachers once commuted from Tel Aviv, but since new reasonably-priced housing units have been built in Beisan over 80 per cent now live there.

The Education Ministry also offers rent subsidies, but "some teachers simply respond to the challenge of the new teaching concept and the sparkling, fully air-conditioned new building," Mr. Bar-Hana said.

One particularly encouraging aspect of the Aranne Centre is the age of its two principals. The principal

of the secular section, who has been in his job for six years, is just over 30. The other, Hayim Assayag, who heads the 600-pupil religious school, admitted that he "will be 24 in a few months." A native of Morocco, he was brought up in Acre and graduated from Bar-Ilan University.

The population of Beisan is 90 per cent of Oriental origin. The town has had no influx of immigrants since the beginning of the '60s, but 24 families from Georgia are expected this month.

Mr. Eliezer Shmueli, Assistant Director-General of the Education Ministry, said the finest compliment he has received about the Aranne Centre is from heads of other local councils, who tell him they want education "just like in Beisan."

"REFORM" Integration at kibbutz schools presented a much more complicated picture than the straight forward educational problems faced at the Aranne Comprehensive School. Pioneered by the "reform" legislation, Sde Eliahu (religious) and Nve Eitan (non-religious) agreed to accept pupils from neighbouring moshav settlements — originally up to 20 per cent of their student body.

Prosperous Sde Eliahu, which also serves the neighbouring religious kibbutzim of Tirat Zvi, Ein Hanatziv and Shihot, last year opened its well-housed and well-equipped 400-pupil academic and vocational high school to youngsters from the nearby moshav settlements of Rehov, Revaya and Sde Trumot. Almost all the moshav settlers come from Kurdistan and Iran.

Integration brought its problems. Most of the moshav homes have television, while the kibbutzim are still fighting it. Kibbutz youngsters have a rich social life, most of the moshav youngsters do not. Membership in youth movements is rare among moshav youngsters but common in the kibbutz.

It is sometimes on the very elementary level that reform works its integrating influence: On a field trip organized by a grade seven teacher, the moshav children appeared with their lunch wrapped in cellophane bags and with soda pop bottles. The kibbutz youngsters carried rucksacks or side-packs and army-type water bottles. The

teacher reported an early breakthrough in social relations when some of the moshav children put their lunches into kibbutzniks' rucksacks — then took turns shouldering them.

Now, at the beginning of the second year of "reform," there is still no private visiting between the moshav and kibbutz children, although the distances are not great. Asked whether the effort is worth it, one Sde Eliahu teacher answered in the affirmative, but added that "the move should have started earlier, perhaps in grade five."

DOUBLE ADJUSTMENT

The kibbutz educators realize that the moshav youngsters face a double adjustment: to the Ashkenazi way of learning and life, and to the kibbutz ideology. The teachers are also aware of the danger of "succeeding too well" and destroying the moshav children's identification with their own Sephardi background.

On the other hand, they are also aware of the mutual enrichment between the two sets of children. Kibbutz youth is drawn out of its isolation and learns about the outer world.

Before the "reform," moshav youngsters finished grade eight at their moshav elementary school and then, if they had any ambition, went on to high school in Beisan or vocational or agricultural schools elsewhere. At Sde Eliahu, they get all possible individual help from teachers. The teacher-pupil ratio at the kibbutz is 1:7, compared to a national average of 1:20. Sde Eliahu has had no drop-outs so far.

At the smaller school of kibbutz Nve Eitan, 59 children from the neighbouring moshav settlements of Yardenia and Beit Yosef were accepted en masse into grades seven, eight and nine of the junior high school last year.

Integration was difficult and slow. Some of the teachers admitted that their preparation had been largely theoretical — they had not been prepared for difficulties even in non-academic subjects such as gymnastics.

Well-intentioned efforts, such as private lessons, sometimes backfired with the moshav child showing that he felt discriminated against. Some children ran away from school. Efforts to pair them off with kibbutz youngsters to do their homework sometimes failed.

The kibbutz teachers visited the homes of their moshav pupils. They worked together with the grade six teachers in the moshav, preparing the pupils for next year's change to the kibbutz school.

The Nve Eitan teachers feel that "the Government can't do the job of integrating the communities. We are here, it's our job."

The best proof of the success of the idea of integrated junior high schools is perhaps the fact that at Nve Eitan they are now discussing the possibility of a kibbutz-moshav integrated elementary school.

Helping the aged to live at home

PARDESS HANNA. — THE establishment of community services for the aged in various parts of the country is helping an increasing number of elderly persons to remain at home instead of seeking entry into institutions. Harold Trobe, Director-General of JDC Meibem, yesterday told a delegation of over 100 members of the

American Medical Association, who are attending an international health conference in Israel.

Speaking at the Neve Avot Geriatric Centre here, Mr. Trobe recalled that "while there was no alternative to institutionalizing many of the aged in the early 1950s, when the country was largely undeveloped and massive immigration was underway, this is no longer tolerable in the 1970s. The emphasis today must be on the development of programmes and services that will enable the relatively healthy aged person to stay at home. Many of the chronically ill can also remain in their normal environment if the proper home-care programmes, such as we are developing in Pardess Katz and Beersheba, are instituted."

"A great many of the aged now in institutions would be better off if they were living normally in the community. Placing aged, but healthy persons in institutions in effect creates retirement homes, which may be desirable but must have a low priority in view of the continuing critical shortage of beds for those infirm and nursing

cases who cannot remain at home."

By helping to set up community medical and social services JDC/Meibem has been able to reduce the proportion of healthy persons in homes from 77 per cent in 1962 to just over 50 per cent today, he said. Almost 2,000 persons, whose average age is 52, are cared for in JDC/Meibem's three main institutions, here, Netanya and Rishon leZion.

Ein Karem's new tea house

Jerusalem Post Reporter
A new late-night cafe-gallery opened in Ein Karem Saturday night.

The latest effort to boost Jerusalem's meagre night-life offers an informal club-like atmosphere in an old-style stone house situated in a quiet alley in the village — Rehov Hama'ayan, near the Ein Karem spring and the Targ music centre. The "Tea Gallery" provides displays of paintings, jewellery, batik, and wall ceramics, as well as snacks, hot soups, and soft and hard drinks.

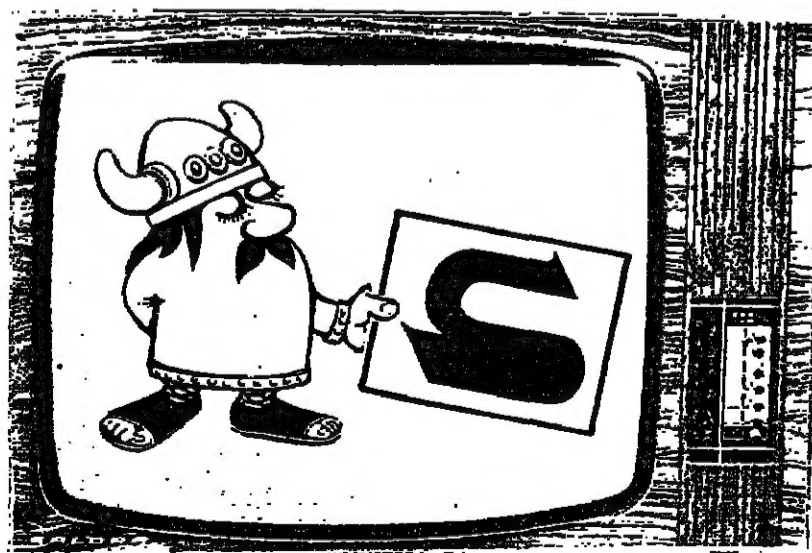
What was once a workshop has been fitted out with colourful decor. A guitarist-singer sometimes supplements recorded background music, popular and classical.

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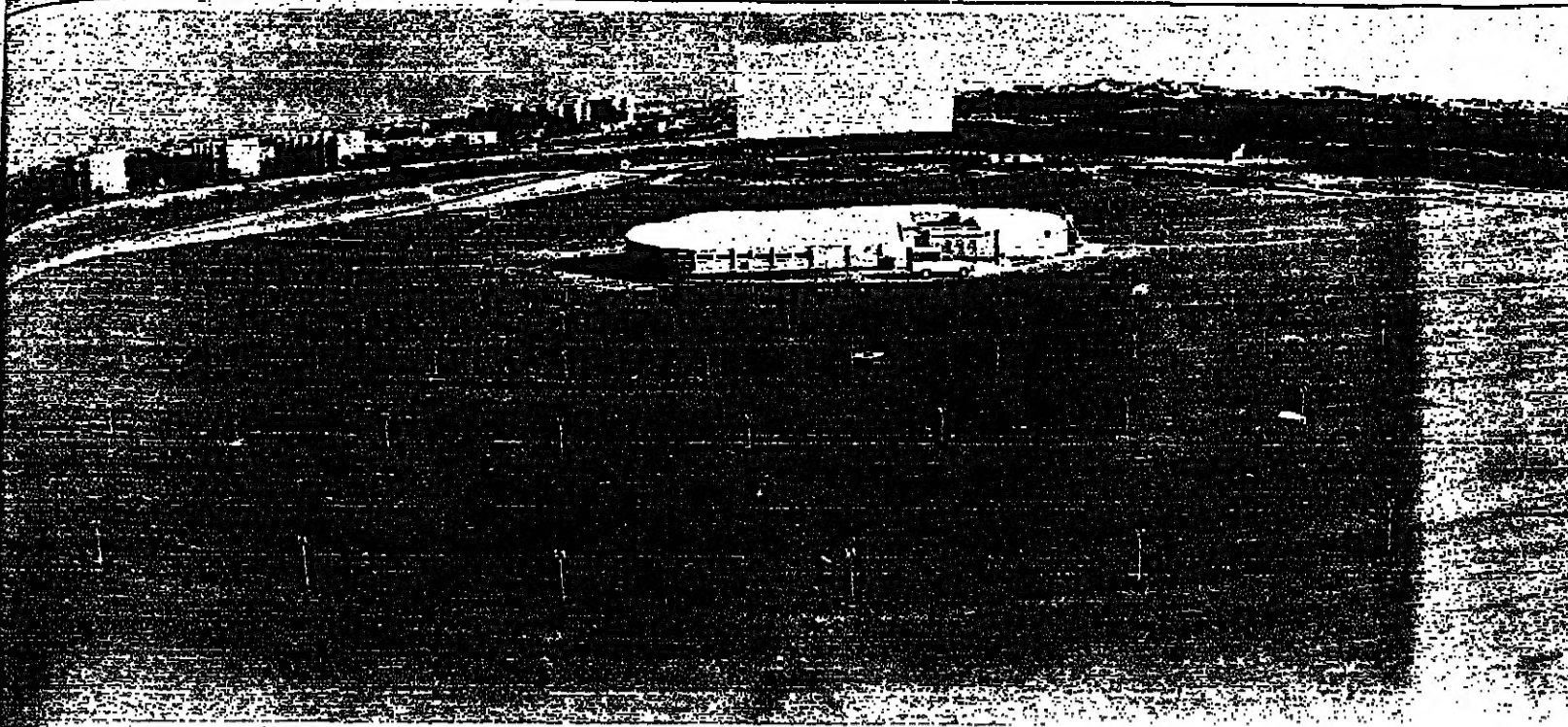
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A new glimpse of Israel's first drive-in movie, which opens tomorrow night behind the Tel Aviv Fair Grounds. Built by a group of South American and Israeli investors at a cost of IL3m. (mainly for the approach roads), the drive-in boasts what its owners claim is the largest movie screen in the Middle East — 16 m. high and 36 m. wide. The stands seen in the picture hold the loudspeaker sets, one to each car. Admission prices will be IL4.5 per adult and IL2.5 for children aged 6 to 10.

Less indulgence, more discipline needed in Sweden

Stigeborn was once Sweden's Ambassador to Israel. He is a candidate for Sweden's Parliament in the elections due next September — and is at present here on a visit.

He told *The Jerusalem Post* last week that he had been a Member of Parliament before, but for the Social Democratic Party. This time he is standing for the Conservatives.

It has made him a controversial figure in Swedish politics. But Stigeborn is known as a man who is what he thinks, and damn the consequences. "I have not changed my opinion," he said — implying that the parties may have changed.

The chief issue on which he is at odds with the left is over the Common Market. "We should join it," he says, "and I'm ashamed that the socialists, of all people, don't see that."

Used to be the right-wingers are sentimentalized about the tiny Swedish homestead. Socialists thought socialism was reaction and believed in the brotherhood of man across frontiers. Now positions have changed — but Stigeborn is not.

Having broken with his party in 1961, he left Sweden (after holding his seat for four years) and returned to the Foreign Ministry. In Sweden, it appears, a Government employee can enter politics without forfeiting his civil service career.

Stigeborn was appointed Director of the East European Division, later Ambassador to Morocco, and was transferred to Israel in 1966, heading his country's mission there until 1970.

CONFIDENT OF VICTORY

Does he clash with the Social Democrats over domestic economic policy too? Not so decisively. He sided with them in 1933, because the slump had caused unemployment, and only they were prepared to apply Keynesian remedies.

Today there is unemployment in Sweden again. (four or five per cent of the labour force), but for different reasons. "Businessmen have confidence, do not invest," Stigeborn says. "Less industry and pessimism in (in education, for example), more self-discipline, ('a dangerous word,' he says).

The Social Democrats are in power, but Stigeborn is confident of the Opposition will win — for the first time since 1933. It is a coalition of three parties, Centre, Liberal and Conservative. They are ready, if elected, to form a Coalition. Stigeborn will be contesting the election.

Though no longer connected with the job, he visits this country twice a year. "I wanted to see what life in Shalom Town was like," he says. "Sweden won't allow me to transfer the currency."

Co-Audiation

THE Audi-NSU agency in Jönköping, Sweden, recently audited in one transaction, eight new 1000 cc. models to eight.

The different makes of cars the agency traded in showed that they had never before been in such demand.

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Japan, Israel and Arab oil

By DOV OFER
Special to The Jerusalem Post

TOKYO. — The Japanese are determined never to become embroiled in war again. They demand peace, no matter what the cost. The economic and political policies of Tokyo vis-à-vis Israel and the Arab states, are justified in the name of Japanese survival.

Japan is the only modern industrial nation in the entire world whom the Arabs have succeeded in forcing to comply with the provisions of the Arab boycott of Israel. The reason for this can be summed up in one word: oil.

At the moment Japan has on hand a mere month's supply of oil. It is this tiny reserve that makes Japan so vulnerable to Arab pressure.

The concern of Japanese industry as to what would happen if the supply of oil were interrupted is understandable. Industrial chaos would certainly result if the chain of 100,000 tankers that link Japan to the Middle East was suddenly cut.

Leaders of industry here are now urging the government to stockpile as much oil as possible, and to diversify Japan's sources of petroleum. They urge increasing the supply of oil from Indonesia, Nigeria, Venezuela and Brazil.

Some feel that steps should be taken jointly with China to develop that nation's oil fields. In recent negotiations for 200,000 kilo-litres of oil from China, Japan was surprised to find the Chinese conducted the affair in a very businesslike manner, with no political strings attached.

The Japanese would also like to join the Russians in the exploitation and development of the Siberian natural gas and petroleum fields of Tyumen, near the Chinese border.

However, negotiations have been stalled for over six years because of Soviet insistence on various political conditions.

Dull and listless

TEL AVIV. — The Stock Market was very dull and listless again with a small turnover. Volume was IL2.15m., half of which was in the variables.

The general index of share prices dropped to 0.43 per cent, to stand at 300.60.

Share prices of banks dropped a little. L.D.C. Bank holding and Bank Leumi both lost two points to 268 1/2 (27,600) and 402 1/2 (83,200) respectively. Bank Hapoalim remained unchanged at 408 (9,400), and Mizrahi Bank lost 5 to 133 (23,500).

LL.D.C. gained 1 1/2 points in the

Lebanese growth rate seen at 10%

WASHINGTON (UPI). — The U.S. Commerce Department said yesterday Lebanon may be able to experience a growth rate of 10 per cent or more during 1973 with all sectors running satisfactorily or booming.

The department said in its magazine "Commerce" that Lebanon's bank secrecy law was attracting capital from overseas Lebanese and from Switzerland where bank secrecy had been modified recently.

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The following rates are indications only, as of last Friday, when Europe's foreign currency exchanges were closed.

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Dollar 2.50-2.51 per \$
D. Mark 2.75 1/4/5 per \$
Swiss Fr. 3.06 1/4/5 per \$
French Fr. 4.42/47 per \$
French Fr. 4.32/37 per \$
Lire 546/551 per \$
Belgian Fr. 37/38 1/2 per \$
Dutch Fl. 2.76 1/4/2.78 per \$
Yen 255/260 per \$

INTEREST RATES
U.S. \$ 3 Mos. 6 Mos. 12 Mos. 3%
D. Mark 4% 5% 6%
Swiss Fr. 4% 5% 6%
Fine gold per ounce \$35 1/4-37 1/2

FORWARD RATES
D/M \$ 1 Mos. 2 Mos. 3 Mos. 6 Mos.
D/M \$ 2.0440/2.0450/2.0460/2.0470/2.0480/2.0490
S/F \$ 2.4845/2.4855/2.4865/2.4875/2.4885/2.4895

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BEN-AHARON AGAIN RAPS SAPIR ON INFLATION

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Secretary-General of the Histadrut, Yitzhak Ben-Aharon, sharply criticized Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir yesterday at the weekly meeting of the Histadrut Central Committee, which took place in Jerusalem, Mr. Ben-Aharon quoted from an interview with Mr. Sapir published in the Haifa Labour Council Journal "Eit Hapolim" in which the Finance Minister accused Mr. Ben-Aharon of torpedoing a "package deal" last September.

"I don't remember Mr. Sapir proposing such a deal last September," Mr. Ben-Aharon said, adding that the interview was "pure libel."

Mr. Ben-Aharon said that according to Commerce Minister Haim Bar-Lev, the Government envisaged prices rising by nine per cent by the end of this year, yet requested the Histadrut to refrain from demanding an interim cost-of-living allowance in July.

The Secretary said the Histadrut insisted that the maximum increase in prices should not exceed six to eight per cent over the year.

Cabinet approves tax cuts for fiscal '73/74

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Cabinet yesterday approved a series of draft bills concerning income tax and compulsory loans which will lighten the average Israeli's tax burden by some 15 per cent in the 1973/74 fiscal year.

The bills will be tabled in the Knesset in a few days' time, so that they can go through all three readings and become law before the new fiscal year begins on April 1.

The income tax changes, which implement part of the reforms proposed by the Asher Committee, will mean that from April 1 a married man with two children earning IL1,750 monthly gross will have IL370 deducted monthly from his pay slip for income tax and Defence Loan — instead of IL493 — a net gain of IL113.

If the same man earns IL1,000 gross he will have IL92 deducted instead of IL125.

These reductions will be effected by raising the tax floor (monthly income below which no tax is paid at all) from its present IL438 gross to IL631 and by staggering the progressively higher rates of tax less sharply.

In the 1971/72 fiscal year, a gross monthly income of IL3,000 and up drew a marginal rate of 80 per cent for income tax and Defence Loan combined. Next year, fiscal 1973/74, the ceiling will be raised so that IL4,150 monthly and up will draw a marginal rate of 70 per cent for income tax and Defence Loan. (De-

fence Loan is a fixed 7 per cent of taxable income.)

Income tax paid by landlords on the share of key money which they earn from the transfer of key money apartments (one-third) will go down from 40 per cent to 32.5 per cent.

However, taxes on companies, overtime work, norms and premiums, night shifts and capital gains will all remain the same in fiscal 1973/74.

Pensioners will only have to pay income tax on 75 per cent of their pension.

The self-employed will have their income tax deduction privileges brought closer into line with the privileges enjoyed by salaried employees. The self-employed will be able to deduct up to 16 per cent of their income (instead of the present 10 per cent) for health expenses, private pension funds, life insurance and so forth.

Salaried employees enjoy up to 13.3 per cent deduction — 2.3 per cent more than the self-employed will enjoy, because of what salaried employees pay to pension schemes.

The Defence Loan has been extended for one more year, at the same rate of 7 per cent. The Savings Loan paid by employers, at 8 per cent of their total payroll, has also been extended for one more year. The innovation to be introduced is that Savings Loan certificates from 1972/73 and 1973/74 can be used as collateral for State loans for certain restricted purposes, such as enterprises in development areas.

The Defence Loan and the Savings Loan are expected to mop up some IL700m. each in 1973/74.

The Cabinet voted today on a proposal for a further concession, made by Tourism Minister Moshe Kol, which would have reduced income tax in the IL10,000-IL30,000 annual income bracket still more than the majority proposed. The argument against this was that it would have cut Treasury revenue by IL33m.

The Cabinet likewise voted down a proposal from Health Minister Victor Shemtov to help the lower-income brackets more, and the middle-income brackets less, by raising the tax floor to IL700. (At present it is IL438; the majority decided to raise it to IL631.) Mr. Shemtov also vainly tried to keep the ceiling for maximum marginal tax (plus Defence Loan) at IL3,000, where it is now, instead of raising it to IL4,150.

Agriculture Minister Haim Gvati had no difficulty persuading the Cabinet to increase the personal tax-free deduction for farmers' wives from IL250 to IL400 annually.

Government's housing policy said aiding speculation

Jerusalem Post Economic Editor

TEL AVIV. — Israel's present housing policy is aiding speculation in land properties, and raising housing costs, Dr. E. Lehmann, chairman of the General Mortgage Bank said yesterday at the bank's annual general meeting.

Private and public housing schemes, remote from urban centres, may resort to land that is seemingly cheap, but they involve heavy expenditure in roads, communication, water supply and other infrastructure facilities and are therefore a national burden.

Sale of land titles enables tenants to turn into capitalists the advantages granted to popular housing projects, such as reduced land price or cheap mortgages. Attempts to check this development by municipal taxation have largely failed.

Public housing should, therefore, be confined to long-term leases, Dr. Lehmann said.

He also warned against excessive buildings starts which cannot be completed in a reasonable time and raise costs by tying up costly capital resources. He said building time in Israel is much too long, and

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building costs are rising more steeply than would be warranted by the advance of the C.O.L.

On the other hand, Dr. Lehmann praised recent improvements in housing finance, which allow mortgage banks more elbow-room and better access to the capital market.

General Mortgage Bank loans in 1972 amounted to IL138m. (up from IL109m. in 1971), including IL27m. to new immigrants, IL66m. to young couples and IL43m. according to the bank's own discretion. The bank's loans outstanding increased 18 per cent, to IL623m. Its operating profit advanced almost 50 per cent, and its net profit per share soared to 36 per cent, as compared to 26 per cent in 1971.

The bank's cash dividend will stay at 16 per cent, on top of which it will distribute a 10 per cent share bonus. Last year it distributed a 25 per cent share bonus.

A rights issue of IL5m. new shares (one to four of present shares) will be issued shortly, as well as IL20m. in convertible debentures, as a first stage to increasing the bank's own resources in line with its growing business volume.

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STATEMENT OF PROFIT AND LOSS FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1972

	1971*	IL	IL
INCOME			
Interest from loans and deposits		137,171,475	110,499,620
Interest from security investments		1,120,566	1,297,084
Dividends		1,593,020	1,651,135
Commission and other income		6,068,525	4,010,771
Income from insurance of exchange differences and linkage increments arising on interest on the Bank's liabilities		6,848,636	3,339,977
		152,802,222	120,798,587
EXPENSES			
Interest and commission on deposits, loans and other accounts		62,452,868	40,429,614
Interest on perpetual deposit, debentures and loan bonds		20,134,607	15,545,291
Administrative and general expenses (including special contribution in 1972 of IL750,000 to the immigrants Absorption Fund)		6,085,506	4,479,546
Depreciation of fixed assets		140,110	65,788
Provision for doubtful debts		1,541,600	1,398,000
		90,304,691	61,918,239
Operating profit, before taxes and other income		62,497,531	58,880,348
Provision for taxes on income		33,900,000	31,440,000
Profit, before other income		28,597,531	27,440,348
Other income			
Capital gains (1971—net of related income tax IL160,000)		1,279,495	436,594
Participation of the Israel Treasury in linkage increments on dividends, net of related income tax of IL4,600,000 (1971 — IL3,400,000)		3,984,217	2,929,508
		5,263,712	3,366,102
Provision for diminution in value of investments		861,493	1,700,000
Other income, net		4,402,219	1,666,102
Net profit for the year		32,999,750	29,106,450
Balance of profit from preceding year		707,599	594,366
Profit available for appropriation		33,707,349	29,700,816
Appropriation of profit			
Dividends (net)		22,528,824	20,158,217
Transfer to reserves:			
General reserve		4,000,000	3,500,000
Reserve for future capital redemption		1,431,667	1,335,000
Special reserve		5,000,000	4,000,000
Balance of profit, carried forward		746,858	707,599
		33,707,349	29,700,816

* Reclassified

Mrs. MEIR'S VISIT

PREMIER Golda Meir's conversations in the U.S. have been plain gone very well, though she has offered no details of her talks. It was American sources that announced further agreements on aid and arms. Mrs. Meir in turn has indicated that no new proposals put forward by Egypt were presented to her.

It seems likely the visit of Egyptian President Sadat's envoy, Hafez Ismail, to Washington just before Mrs. Meir was due there was intended to press once more Egypt's view that it would not, could not, accept such border changes as the retention of Sharm el-Sheikh in Israeli hands, if only as a matter of national prestige. Egypt no doubt has hopes that the Rogers Plan, providing for only "insubstantial changes," will still be brought back to life. If Ismail came to listen as well as speak, he must have discovered that the likelihood of serious fighting between Egypt and Israel is believed in the U.S. to have lessened considerably, and the danger of a conflagration so serious that it could ultimately involve the great powers has been largely ruled out. It can be the more surely ruled out if Israel continues to have the arms needed to make war by Egypt an unpromising undertaking.

At the same time Mrs. Meir emphasized that Israel does not urgently seek progress towards peace or towards some interim arrangement rather than a mere stalemate. If she had been unable to obtain full credence in this attitude the talks would scarcely have taken place in so emphatically warm and friendly an atmosphere.

Egypt has shown signs of extreme nervousness in recent months, caused no doubt by internal pressures that have sur-

faced in student riots, but also in the wholesale expulsion of many members of Egypt's only political party. Egyptian public reactions have consequently been particularly bloodthirsty and shrill. Egypt must take a large share of the blame for the crash of the Libyan plane — and has obviously been so blamed by Libya — and was therefore doubly loud in its denunciation of Israel, apparently hoping to dim Mrs. Meir's visit. In the aftermath of the Black September murders in Khartoum, Egypt has been shriller still, declaring that America herself had "caused the killings" by giving support to Israel, and thereby revealing that there had not been any serious attempt to use the two captured Americans as pawns in any bargain, and that the intention had been from the outset to kill them. The terrorists would not have been likely to handle them as roughly as they did from the first moment if they had the intention of letting them live.

It had seemed at one point that Mrs. Meir's visit to Washington might be overshadowed by the tragedy of the Libyan plane. Before she concluded the official part of her visit, the downing of the plane was overtaken by the deliberate, planned brutality of the murder of the diplomats — the third one killed only because he was mistakenly thought to be Jewish, a bitter irony for a man of Arab descent, who was probably serving in Khartoum for this very reason. The Khartoum murders have shocked America doubly. There can have been no surprise when Mrs. Meir commented that the terrorists think "anybody can be murdered," but it will perhaps have made Israel's desire for security more easily understood at this moment.

Dry Bones



ISRAEL PRESS

'True face of terrorism'

DISCUSSING the Black September takeover of the Saudi Arabian Embassy this weekend in Khartoum, Ha'aretz (non-party) says: "Arab terrorism has again revealed its true face as an organization of crime and murder. Washington and Amman were justified in not surrendering to the terrorists' extortion. Only by following such a course is there any prospect of defeating them. As for attempts to explain the horrible deed by stressing the ostensibly just cause of the Palestinians, as the B.B.C. tried to do, it should be noted that the Palestinian people did not grant a power of attorney to the terrorist organizations."

world to punish murderers of host-ages. Gangs such as Black September should be outlawed, and the same treatment should be meted out to those aiding and justifying them. Furthermore, there should no longer be any distinction between Black September and its umbrella organizations — Fatah and the Palestine Liberation Organization — which provide a base for the murderous system, under the excuse of the so-called "Palestinian despair."

Al Hamishmar (Mapam) also stresses that it is obvious that Black September is part of the Fatah, despite Yasser Arafat's attempts to unburden himself of responsibility for this organization. The paper adds: "Responsibility for the dastardly murders in Khartoum falls not only on the Fatah, but also on all Arab countries supporting Black September, especially Libya."

Hatzofe (National Religious) calls upon Israel to learn the lesson of Khartoum and to meet the appeal launched by President Nixon, not to make do with vocal condemnations, but to activate an international force in order to stamp out terrorism which threatens the entire world.

Omer (Histadrut): "The terrorists hamstringing the operational capacity of the Arab governments. Egypt has failed so far to condemn the Khartoum murders, and it fears a confrontation with the terrorists. However, unless the Arab countries act jointly with the West against terrorism, there is no chance for an Arab-Jewish peace."



Stalin — the legacy lives on

By DAVID REES

LONDON. — He was born a cobbler's son in Georgia in 1879, and by the time he was 22, he was already a full-time professional revolutionary. He was to know no other career.

By 1910, he was well up the ladder of success within the underground Bolshevik Party, having caught Lenin's attention as a particularly effective organizer within Czarist Russia of "expropriation" for Party funds — i.e., bank robberies. Less than five years after the Russian Revolution of 1917, the man whom Lenin had once called "the wonderful Georgian" became Secretary-General of the Soviet Communist Party. This was in 1922, and he kept the post until his death 20 years ago.

When at last he died on March 5, 1953, after years of power more absolute than any of the Czar who had ruled Russia before him, Joseph Vissarionovich Stalin was the second most powerful man in the world. He commanded not only huge armies, and atomic weapons, and the governments of half-a-dozen other Communist states, but the sympathy, both overt and covert, of many in the "bourgeois" West. More important for today, perhaps, is the fact that the imprint of Stalin's rule still lies over the U.S.S.R., and thus his legacy continues to affect world politics in both a powerful and a pervasive manner.

Even now, although the mechanics of Stalin's road to virtually unrestricted power have been charted by historians, the essence of his character escapes definition by normal standards. But essentially Stalin established his authority within the Party in the 1920's by playing off the "right opposition" against the "left opposition," Bukharin against Trotsky. Both these men were later to die at Stalin's orders.

In these Byzantine manoeuvres, genuine issues of foreign policy, ideology, and of industrial versus agricultural investment were involved. But what was decisive was Stalin's undisputed control of the Party

machinery and his intense will to power to which all other factors were subordinated. In furthering this ambition, the totalitarian leverage of the Soviet Communist Party was a weapon of immense power.

Stalin now set out to change the very foundations of the U.S.S.R. by collectivizing Soviet agriculture in the early 1930's. A programme of crash industrialization was simultaneously embarked on. The human cost, in terms of famine and population shifts, was enormous. Then, during 1935-1938 in a final consolidation of his rule, the great Stalin purge ripped apart the Soviet Party, government and armed forces. In the Moscow trials Old Bolsheviks, senior Politburo members and famous generals "confessed" their guilt before perishing in the execution cellars of the NKVD (secret police). A huge complex of slave labour camps sprang up in the Arctic. In the Siberian Far East, in Soviet Central Asia. To these places, millions were consigned on Stalin's orders.

Million executed

The latest research by Western historians, often based on Soviet sources, now indicates that a million people were executed in the purges, and that the average population of the labour camps during the next 15 years was at least eight million. It is believed that deaths from Stalinist rule during 1930-1953, including collectivization, aggregate not less than 20 million. These are facts that the Soviet people have still to come to terms with and which have obsessed great writers such as Koestler, Orwell and Solzhenitsyn in their respective portrayals of the dictator as "No. 1," "Big Brother," and "him."

Yet in retrospect, one of the most remarkable aspects of Stalin's personality was the skill with which he was able to project himself in the West as a moderate, "realistic" statesman. Everyone knows

that a whole generation of Western fellow-travellers projected the Stalinist version of the collectivization and the great purges.

But it should be remembered that in the context of World War II many Anglo-American wartime negotiators with the Russians, hardly Communist sympathizers, also saw Stalin as a reasonable man who would do everything to promote post-war harmony with the West. At one time or another both Franklin Roosevelt and Winston Churchill shared this view of "Uncle Joe" or "UJ" as they referred affectionately to the Russian in their wartime cables.

But if in 1945 Stalin appeared as the immensely shrewd "Uncle Joe" to the West, he was deflated in the Communist bloc. He was projected as a master of not only Marxism-Leninism but of military science, philosophy, genetics and many other aspects of human thought. As the Yugoslav Communist, Milovan Djilas, writes in his book, *Conversations with Stalin*, the dictator was "more than a leader in battle. He was the incarnation of an idea, transfigured in Communist minds into pure idea, and thereby into something infallible and endless. Stalin was the victorious battle of today, and the brotherhood of man of tomorrow."

The Stalin cult continued unabated throughout the tensions of the post-war years and the Korean conflict, launched on Stalin's orders according to Khrushchev's memoirs. Yet the early 1950's were years of renewed mass repression within Russia, with wholesale destruction of party cadres in Leningrad, with the liquidation of all the leading Soviet Yiddish writers, and with the macabre "doctor's plot" of 1952-1953. Only in 1956 when Stalin's successor, Khrushchev, denounced the dictator as a paranoid murderer was the personality cult exploded.

Yet the legacy endures, for in an increasingly chaotic world, Stalin represents, above all, certainty. The Stalinist institutional framework bequeathed to



both Khrushchev and Brezhnev remains virtually unaltered, complete with labour camps and thought control. In international politics, despite the nuclear accommodation between the U.S. and the Soviets, the Stalin legacy means the perpetuation of the idea of conflict between Communist and non-Communist countries. In the ideologically important field of Soviet historiography, there is a steady rehabilitation of Stalin and his achievements in "building socialism" inside the U.S.S.R.

Perhaps most obvious of all, Stalin's legacy is symbolized on a personal level by the fact that both Brezhnev and Koygia were devoted followers of Stalin and direct beneficiaries of the purges in that their careers took off in the late 1930's. Both men were, in fact, candidate members of Stalin's Politburo as long ago as 1952.

As Djilas has written, "despite the curses against his name, Stalin still lives in the social and spiritual foundations of Soviet society." F.W.F.

Readers' letters

Tragedy in Sinai

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — What happened on February 21 in the Sinai is indeed a tragedy. Blaming one side or the other will not bring the victims back to life. Nor will it improve relations between the Arabs and the Israelis.

Who was responsible, the Israelis who downed an unarmed passenger plane? The pilot who refused to follow instructions from the intercepting Israeli planes?

No matter what develops, one fact remains: one side has constantly asked for talks with the other. The latter refuses to have any direct dealings with Israel. If the Israeli version of the incident is correct, that the pilot ignored the warnings and orders to land, then indeed he was following the same uncivilized, uncompromising, behaviour of Cairo.

It seems to me that every time Israel makes a move, even related to its own defence, it is immediately called to task, somewhat like scolding a naughty child. Israel has found out by experience that if it "stays in its place and doesn't make trouble," it can continue the existence of the Jewish people have had for centuries: a very convenient scapegoat who should not dare to anger others by "being pushy."

Israel has had more than its share of tragedies in its short history, and even before that. Is it any wonder that what happened with the ill-fated airplane happened?

I only wish that a meaningful dialogue could be started by Israel and our neighbors in order to avoid future tragedies.

MICHAEL E. SLOBODKIN
Rehovot, February 26.

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — In fairness to everyone, I think it would be well to remind the world that when Britain feared the French warships in North African ports might be seized by or handed over to Nazi Germany in World War II for hostile acts against Britain, Churchill himself ordered that an ultimatum be given the commanders of the French warships, "to join forces with Britain" and, in the event of a refusal, to bombard and destroy the French warships.

The French commanders refused the British ultimatum, whereupon the British Fleet opened fire on the French warships at point blank range, crippling and destroying them, with heavy loss of life. This massacre of the French, by the British, was executed for the sole purpose of ensuring the security of Britain, her armed forces and her civilians in time of hostilities.

The British have taught the world the words "fair," "be fair" or "play fair," so let her now herself be fair in her coverage of the unhappy incident in Sinai.

BILL WILLIAMS
Kiryat Ono, February 23.

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — No wonder that 99 per cent of the world press mis-used the Sinai tragedy to vent their anti-Israeli feelings. Our Government is to blame for holding back the facts. It is not enough to be right, our right must be presented clearly and promptly.

The papers who condemn us should reprint your leader "The Black Box Speaks," of February 25, as well as the extracts from the Israel press on the same page.

Dear Government Information Department, please wake up!

MAX MOSHE SOHAR
Jerusalem, February 25.

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — The fatal crash of the Libyan airliner was a most terrible thing to happen to the nation of Israel not less than to the families of the victims. Yes, we are stunned, and full of sorrow at the loss of innocent lives, but we are not less shocked at the vitriolic outbursts against the State of Israel by France, England, and other western states.

The sudden and intense hatred displayed by these countries seems to harbor three main elements: first, zealous alignment with the

MRS. Golda Meir has been a very considerable success in the United States: she always is. Years back, when she was Foreign Minister and on a visit to Washington we came into a hotel lobby where a crowd was gathered round a television set. We squeezed through to get our share of the sensation, and discovered it was Golda, in a natty hat, explaining the Israel point of view on something or other in terms which immediately convinced the whole crowd, and had them turn away to confirm it to each other. One woman turned to explain to me, as I was not saying anything. When we explained, in turn, that this was actually our foreign minister, even the reflected glory was great that it was quite difficult to get away again.

BY now she is probably a great deal better known still. Three teachers at Lincoln School in Pottstown, Connecticut, asked fourth and fifth grade pupils, around ten or 11 years old, "Who is Golda Meir?" Many of the answers were surprising, and the Pottstown Mercury devoted a full page to the results in January. One of them is reproduced above. Then there is:

I don't know what it is. I don't know anything about it. I don't know if it is a person or not. I never heard of it before. To me it sounds like a name of a lady.
Jim

That's sensible enough. So is this: I think Golda Meir is the name of a geist we are going to have at Lincoln School.
Michael

SOME are fanciful: Golda Meir means to me a very rich mayor. Who has found gold and has become mayor. Of a small town which is called Golda. Because everyone wants to see him.
Cathy

SOME inventions are oddly appropriate: The word Golda Meir means: When someone comes to your house, it means hello and make yourself at home or it could mean good-bye and come again sometime.
Lori

Michael H.
Mrs. Pothman

Golda Meir

It's either a different way of saying

Golden my ear or swaring or a name.

What she's thinking of, of course, is "shalom." The best was a sad little tale with a happy ending: Golda Meir was a artist. She worked day and night working on a painting. At last she was done with it. So she went to the market to sell it. Nobody wanted to buy it. In the afternoon she so

There is no evidence that any of them got the answer right.

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